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भाजपा सांसद साध्वी प्रज्ञा सिंह ठाकुर को जेल में प्रताड़ित करने के आरोपों के मामले में महाराष्ट्र राज्य मानवाधिकार आयोग ने राज्य के पुलिस महानिदेशक (डीजीपी) को समन भेजकर बुलाया है। आयोग ने पुलिस महानिदेशक को आगामी 6 अप्रैल को अपने सामने हाजिर रहने को कहा है। बता दें कि 2008 के मालेगांव बम धमाका मामले में गिरफ्तार के बाद हिरासत में कथित रूप से प्रताड़ित किए जाने के मामले में एक वकील ने शिकायत की थी। साल 2018 में वकील आदित्य मिश्र ने राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग से यह कहते हुए शिकायत की थी कि उन्होंने समाचार चैनल में प्रज्ञा सिंह ठाकुर का इंटरव्यू देखा है जिसमें उन्होंने बताया था कि जांच करने वाले महाराष्ट्र एंटी टेररिज्म स्क्वाड (एटीएस) ने उन्हें किस तरह प्रताड़ित किया था।

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The Allahabad High Court has ordered Nawabganj Police Station not to interfere in the religious activities of the Christian organization Masih Sangath Prarthana Ashram of Pachdevra Atrampur.

The division bench of Chief Justice Govind Mathur and Justice S.S. Shamsheri passed this order while hearing a Public Interest Litigation filed by Ram Sewak.

The Petitioner, Ram Sewak, son of Bhully, submitted that he is a Managing Trustee of the charitable trust duly established/constituted in the name and style of Masih Sangath Prarthana Ashram which is registered and its office is situated in Village Pachdevra, Post Atrampur, Tehsil Soraon, District Allahabad.

An allegation is made that police officers deputed at Police Station Nawabganj, District Prayagraj are interfering in religious prayers of the petitioner which is nothing but injury to the fundamental rights of the members of the trust as per Article 25, 26, 27 and 28 of the Constitution of India.

It is submitted that the Petitioner espoused the cause before the respondents and higher authorities of the State government as well as Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi for necessary action against the Police Station Nawabganj, District Prayagraj but of no consequence.

The High Court ordered: "Having considered the facts stated in this petition for writ, we deem it appropriate to dispose of this petition for writ by directing the District Magistrate, Prayagraj and Superintendent of Police, Prayagraj to ensure that no interference be made by the Police Officers deputed at Police Station Nawabganj, District Prayagraj or by any other persons in legal religious activities of the Petitioner. With the directions as above, the writ petition disposed of."