

Loudspeaker in mosque not a fundamental right, says HC

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The use of a loudspeaker from a mosque is not a fundamental right, the Allahabad High Court has said.

The court passed the observation while dismissing a petition filed by a Budaun man, who wanted permission to play a loudspeaker from a mosque during *azan*, the Islamic call for prayer, at a village in the district.

“The law has now been settled that use of a loudspeaker from mosque is not a fundamental right. Even otherwise, a cogent reason has been assigned in the impugned order,” said a Division Bench of Justices Vivek Kumar and Vikas Budhwar on May 4.

Irfan of Budaun district had filed a petition praying that the court quash the rejection order dated December 3, 2021, by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Bisauli tehsil, through which he was denied permission to use a loudspeaker/mike from Noori Masjid at the time of *azan*.

His counsel argued that the SDM’s order was wholly illegal and violated the fundamental and legal rights of the petitioner.