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Plea in SC on ambulance and cremations surcharge

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A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court by a group of citizens alleging overcharging for cremations and ambulance services during the pandemic and seeking a directive to the Centre to consider formulating a policy to regulate the prices of the dead.

Referring to reports about several bodies found floating in the water bodies, the plea said that Centre should be directed to advise all states and UTs to frame guidelines for charging rates for cremation, air burial and other funeral services along with burial grounds for poor communities in the country.

A letter from the petitioner people purifying bodies of their beloved ones in rivers like Ganga due to lack of money and the plea filed by NGO Dharma Management Collection through its website www.Ashram.in