

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR**

D. B. PIL Petition No. 13628/2020

Prahlad Sharma

-----Petitioner

Versus

The Union of India & Others.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Mr. Prahlad Sharma petitioner in person. Dr. Abhinav Sharma Advocate through Video Conferencing.
For Respondents No. 2 to 4	:	Mr. R.P. Singh Additional Advocate General assisted by Mr. Devyam Rathore Advocate. Ms. Gauri Jasana Advocate and Mr. Shubham Advocate on behalf of Mr. Prateek Kasliwal Advocate.
For Respondent No. 5	:	Mr. C.L. Saini Advocate.

**HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD KUMAR BHARWANI**

Order

31/08/2022

Heard.

Today when the matter has come up for hearing, learned Additional Advocate General would submit that an additional affidavit has been filed by him today and copy of the same has been supplied to the petitioner, who is appearing in person.

We find that Bar Council of Rajasthan has so far not filed its reply. This petition is pending since long and Bar Council of Rajasthan should do well to file its reply within seven days from today.

During the course of hearing, it was submitted that though the reply has been filed by the State, the State has come out with financial support provided by way of grant during COVID and for the purposes of construction of building, but still no scheme for grant on periodical basis/annual basis has been submitted. Petitioner appearing in person submits that in other States, various schemes of periodical grant are prevailing. He would also submit that there is need for stipend to newly inducted members. He further submits that in case of unfortunate death of a lawyer, there is no proper scheme for payment of financial support to the bereaved family from the Advocates Welfare Fund.

Learned Additional Advocate General appearing on behalf of the State would submit that the State would examine and come out with concrete proposal with regard to grant of periodical fund in the spirit of provisions of Section 3 of the Rajasthan Advocates Welfare Fund Act, 1987.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of Respondent No. 5, Bar Council of Rajasthan submits that a Bill providing for creation of fund for payment of stipend is also pending at the Government level.

On the next date of hearing, the petitioner may place before the Court various welfare schemes with regard to payment of periodical grant, stipend as also the amount payable upon death of a lawyer from the Advocates Welfare Fund in operation in other States.

Learned counsel for the respective respondents, namely, State and Bar Council of Rajasthan shall also bring to the

List this mater on 09.09.2022.

MANOJ NARWANI /27

