

SL. No	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGES'S ORDERS
	20.06.2023		<p>WPPIL No. 136 of 2020 With WPPIL No. 91 of 2019 <b><u>Sri Vipin Sanghi, C.J.</u></b> <b><u>Sri Rakesh Thapliyal, J.</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. D.S. Mehta, learned counsel for the petitioner.</li> <li>2. Mr. J.S. Virk, learned Amicus Curiae for the petitioner in WPPIL No.91 of 2019.</li> <li>3. Mr. S.S. Chauhan, learned Deputy Advocate General for the State.</li> <li>4. The matter has been directed to be listed before the Court today in the light of the communication dated 19.05.2023, received by this court from Mr. V.K. Singh, IPS (Retd.), Chairman, Prison Reform Committee, Uttarakhand. The said Committee was constituted by this Court <i>vide</i> order dated 08.12.2021.</li> <li>5. Let a copy of the said communication dated 19.05.2023 be made available to Mr. D.S. Mehta, Mr. Virk, as well as Mr. S.S. Chauhan within one day.</li> <li>6. Mr. Chauhan assures that response to the said communication would be placed before this Court on the next date.</li> <li>7. The respondents have not filed their compliance report in respect of the Preliminary Recommendations on Urgent Prison Reforms in the State of Uttarakhand, submitted by one of the members of the aforesaid Committee, namely, Dr. Murali Karnam on 02.06.2022.</li> </ol>

		<p>8. Mr. Chauhan submits that the State has preferred a Special Leave Petition to assail the orders dated 08.12.2021 and 27.07.2022 before the Supreme Court. However, he is not aware of any further development in that regard.</p> <p>9. Even the second of the aforesaid orders was passed nearly 11 months ago. If the State was serious about the SLP, it would have the definite information before us about the status of the SLP. Mere filing of the SLP is no reason for the respondents to not to comply with our directions issued on 08.12.2021 and 27.07.2022.</p> <p>10. We, therefore, direct the respondent-State to positively comply with these directions before the next date, unless the Supreme Court intervenes in the matter in the meantime.</p> <p>11. List on 27.07.2023.</p> <p>12. On the next date, the Secretary (Home), State of Uttarakhand, and the IG (Prisons) shall join the proceedings <i>virtually</i>.</p> <p>13. The virtual link should be communicated to the Members of the aforesaid Committee, so that they can join the proceedings. This order be also communicated to the Members of the Committee by the Registry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Rakesh Thapliyal, J.)</b> 20.06.2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Vipin Sanghi, C.J.)</b> 20.06.2023</p> <p>NISHANT</p>
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