

SL. No	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGES'S ORDERS
	<u>06.09.2023</u>		WPPIL No. 136 of 2023 <u>Hon'ble Vipin Sanghi, C.J.</u> <u>Hon'ble Rakesh Thapliyal, J.</u> 1. Mr. Navnish Negi, learned counsel for the petitioner. 2. The Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority has preferred the present writ petition, in public interest, highlighting the serious situation existing in relation to the Raaji tribes residing in the State of Uttarakhand. 3. The District Legal Services Authority has conducted a survey of the said tribes by visiting the several villages occupied by them, and compiled the data which has been placed on record. 4. The said data shows that the population of the Raaji tribes has sharply declined over the years. The factors relevant to determine their development indicate that the State has not taken enough steps to provide even basic facilities in the villages where the said tribe resides. The distribution of the population in the villages occupied by the Raaji tribes show

		that there are hardly any survivors beyond the age of 55 years. The life expectancy amongst the members of the said tribe is, therefore, very low. 5. Mr. Negi points out that even Primary Health Centers are situated at distances of about 25 Kms. from the villages where the said tribes reside, and there are hardly any educational facilities available to them. 6. Mr. Negi has also drawn attention of the Court to the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and, in particular, to Section 3(2) thereof to submit that there can be no excuse for the State Government not to take developmental activities for setting up dispensaries, hospitals, schools etc. in the villages occupied by the Raaji tribe. 7. Mr. V.K. Kaparuwan, learned Standing Counsel for the Union of India, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 1. 8. Ms. Puja Banga, learned Brief Holder for the State, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 2 to 7. 9. We direct the respondent No. 1, as well as respondent Nos. 2 and 3 to urgently look
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			into the situation aforesaid, and to take remedial steps without waiting for any further orders. 10. The respondents should file their affidavits disclosing the steps that they have taken, and they propose to take, with timeline to remedy the situation aforesaid. 11. List the matter on 06.11.2023. (Rakesh Thapliyal, J.) 06.09.2023 Negi (Vipin Sanghi, C.J.) 06.09.2023
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