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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

We make it clear that the scope of these writ petitions is only with reference to shelters for urban homeless.

The Government of India has come out with a Scheme of Shelters for Urban Homeless and that Scheme ought to be implemented effectively. The Scheme is applicable to 790 cities across the country.

It has been brought to our notice that a Handbook for Administrators and Policymakers has been prepared called "Shelters for the Urban Homeless" by the Commissioners of this Court appointed in Writ Petition (Civil) No.196 of 2001.

A copy of this has been given to the learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the Union of India. She has been requested to look into it along with the officers of the concerned Ministry.

Learned ASG says that she will file a short affidavit indicating the progress made in the implementation of the Scheme of Shelters for Urban Homeless. The affidavit should be in the form of a tabular statement. If there are any documents in support of that tabular statement, they should not be filed but should be available with the learned ASG in Court.

We make it clear that it is not only the superstructure of the shelters with which we are concerned, but also with other peripheral issues that are required along with having adequate space of shelter where a homeless person can live with dignity.

The affidavit will also indicate whether the Committees in terms of the Scheme have been set up and give a general idea of the work done by these Committees.

For the time being, the presence of learned counsel appearing for the States and Union Territories is dispensed with and the Registry is directed not to accept any affidavit filed on behalf of the States/Union Territories.

List these matters on 18th September, 2015.

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