

ITEM NO.1 COURT NO. 8 SECTION PIL

SUPR EME COUR T OF I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO(s). 117 OF 2000

KARNIKA SAWHNEY Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for directions)

Date: 16/07/2009 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DALVEER BHANDARI  
HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE MUKUNDAKAM SHARMA

For Petitioner(s) Ms. Indra Sawhney, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

NCT of Delhi Mr. Mohan Parasaran, ASG  
Mr. D.L. Chidananda, Adv.  
Mr. T.A. Khan, Adv. for  
Mrs. Anil Katiyar, Adv.

Ms. Rekha Pandey, Adv. for  
Mr. D.S. Mahra, Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following  
ORDER

In pursuance to the orders passed by this Court on  
28.4.2009, Mr. S.A. Awaradi, Director (Social Welfare),  
Department of Social Welfare, Government of N.C.T. of Delhi  
has filed a status report which is taken on record.

In the said report, it is mentioned that to solve the  
problem of begging in Delhi, two mobile courts have been

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constituted. Learned Registrar General of Delhi High Court  
has informed the respondent-department that Mr. T.S. Mutti  
and Mr. Mahender Kumar Gupta have been appointed as  
Special Metropolitan Magistrates for the mobile courts to try  
the beggars cases in Delhi under the provisions of the  
Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959.

It is also mentioned that out of 13 vehicles meant  
for conducting anti begging operations, two vehicles have

been adequately modified to function as a Mobile Courts to be presided over by the Special Metropolitan Magistrates.

It is also mentioned that with regard to creation of posts of 20 additional police personnel for the anti begging operations, the proposal is under consideration with the State Government.

Learned Additional Solicitor General submits that within four weeks, the approval of the State Government with regard to the creation of posts of 20 police personnel will be obtained.

In the status report, it is mentioned that the respondent has again requested the management of religious institutions and Station Masters of five Railway Stations to educate the general public through hoardings and public address system to discourage them from giving alms.

It is mentioned in the status report that the term of the existing Visiting Committees constituted under Section 14 of the Bombay Prevention Begging Act, 1959 has been extended up to 31.10.2009 by notification dated 2.6.2009.

It is also mentioned in the report that adequate arrangement for boarding, lodging, food, clothing and medical care, as per the norms, are in place in all the beggars homes/institutions.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner prays for some time to verify all these facts and to file a reply affidavit.

List this matter on 10.8.2009.

(Pardeep Kumar)  
Court Master

(Neeru Bala Vij)  
Court Master