

ITEM NO.301

COURT NO.9

SECTION PIL(W)

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s).318/2006

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMTT., C.L., LABOUR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS

Respondent(s)

(With appln.(s) for directions and exemption from filing O.T. and  
impleadment and office report)  
(for final disposal)

WITH

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 52/2013 in W.P.(C) No. 318/2006

Date : 16/10/2015 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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

We have heard learned counsel for the parties including Mr. Shankar Aggarwal, Secretary in the Ministry of Labour, Government of India.

We have also gone through the affidavit filed by Mr. Shankar Aggarwal on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 and the additional affidavit handed over to us in Court today.

At the outset, we would like to make it clear that the respondents do not need the approval of this Court for going ahead in any of their Schemes.

Apart from that, during the course of discussions, it has come out that there are five key areas on which the Central Government needs to concentrate for the time being. These are:

- (i) to ensure maximum coverage of the building and other construction workers;
- (ii) to ensure distribution of benefits and implementation of the Schemes that are in existence for the benefit of the building and other construction workers;
- (iii) to lay greater emphasis on education and provide educational facilities to the children of the building and other construction workers;

- (iv) to provide health benefits and insurance of the building and other construction workers and their families;
- (v) to activate the State Advisory Boards which, as per the affidavit, have not even met in the last several years.

Mr. Shankar Aggarwal assures us that necessary steps will be taken in this regard with due promptitude and diligence. He assures us that some positive results will be shown on or before the next date of hearing.

Under the circumstances, we adjourn the matters to 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2016.

The status report may be filed not later than 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 with a copy to learned *amicus curiae* and learned counsel for the petitioner.

Needless to say, we expect the State Governments and the Union Territories to assist the Central Government in the implementation of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and the Building and Other Construction workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996.

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