

ITEM NO.302

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 & ORS

Respondent(s)

(With appln.(s) for impleadment and office report)
(For final disposal)

WITH

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

Date : 11/09/2015 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

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

Mr. Shankar Aggarwal, Secretary in the Ministry of Labour, Government of India is present in Court and we have heard him for quite some time. We have also heard learned Additional Solicitor General, learned *amicus curiae* and learned counsel for the petitioner.

Mr. Aggarwal has informed us that certain steps have been taken to bring about Universal Access Number (UAN) so that if a construction worker shifts from one place to another or from one State to another, he/she does not lose his/her benefits and does not have to get registered afresh.

It is also stated that there are more than four crores construction workers, but only about 1.5 crores of them have registered themselves with the concerned authorities. He says that it is expected that registration of the construction workers will be completed before the end of this financial year.

Mr. Aggarwal also says that some other steps have been taken to ensure that the benefits are passed on to the construction workers, such as, scholarship, skill development etc. All this should be stated on affidavit by Mr. Aggarwal.

The affidavit should also state, in the form of a chart attached to the affidavit, whether the State Advisory Committees have been set up, the period of their existence and the meetings held by them in the last twelve months. Similar information will also be given with regard to the Central Advisory Committee.

The affidavit will also indicate (in brief) the minutes of the meetings that have been held and referred to in paragraph 30 of the affidavit handed over to us in Court today.

Finally, the affidavit will also state the progress and implementation of the orders passed by this Court on 18.01.2010 and 12.12.2014.

The affidavit be filed within four weeks with an advance copy to learned *amicus curiae* and learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned *amicus curiae* and learned counsel for the petitioner have prepared some recommendations for an action plan for the effective utilization of thousands of crores collected by the States/Union Territories. A copy of this has been handed over to Mr. Shankar Aggarwal in Court today. He should have a look into the action plan and come out with a detailed plan on the subject of utilization of the funds available.

The Registry should not accept any affidavits other than those filed by the Union of India, or under our specific directions.

List the matter on 16th October, 2015.

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