

ITEM NO.1  
(Part-Heard)

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL(W)

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 243/2005

RAJIVE RATURI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for exemption from filing O.T., permission to file Additional documents and office report) (For Final Disposal)

WITH W.P.(C) No. 228/2006

(Exemption from filing O.T. and Office Report)

W.P.(C) No. 292/2006

(Office Report)

W.P.(C) No. 997/2013

(With appln.(s) for interim relief and Office Report)

Date : 24/11/2016 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

We have heard Mr. Ranjit Kumar, learned SG for the Union of India assisted by Ms. Lata Krishna Rao, Secretary to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and holding an additional charge of Department of Empowerment of persons with disabilities. Mr. Ranjit Kumar fairly concedes that there has

been a certain amount of laxity on the part of Central Co-ordination Committee in not holding a meeting for nearly four years since the year 2012. He has placed on record a communication dated 22.11.2016 addressed to all members of the Central Co-ordination Committee for a meeting proposed to be held on 29.11.2016 at 6 P.M. in the conference room of the Ministry concerned to review the progress of implementation of Accessible India Campaign and to review the position regarding implementation of the provisions of PWD Act. He submits that while the proposed meeting is being convened at a short notice, it will hopefully set the tone for a fuller and more successful meeting in the near future based on a comprehensive agenda to be drawn for discussion. He submits that in order to make the deliberations more meaningful the Government/Central Co-ordination Committee may take up the review of the work done in the implementation of the Campaign region wise.

He further states that the meeting of Central Executive Committee shall also be convened at an early date after the conclusion of the proposed meeting of the Central Co-ordination Committee. He undertakes to place on record a copy of the minutes of the Central Co-ordination Committee and that of the Central Executive Committee by the next date of hearing, if the meeting is actually held. He further states that the State Level Co-ordination Committees and State Level Executive Committees may also have been dormant in relation to the implementation of the campaign and that Government/Central Co-ordination Committee shall take immediate steps to activate

the said Committees also so that the progress in the implementation of the campaign is not hampered by indifference or apathy. He submits that the Chief Commissioner appointed under the Act has been reviewing the work of the Commissioner in the States from time to time. He agrees to place on record a comprehensive statement indicating the outcome of the said reviews and the deficiencies pointed out and such reviews and directions issued.

Mr. Colin Gonsalves, learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that the audit reports prepared by the auditors engaged by the Government had been up-loaded on the web-site but have been withdrawn. Mr. Kumar states that the process of auditing the progress made in terms of the targets fixed in the implementation is on-going process and that audited reports already received can be uploaded without any reservations. In that view, therefore, we expect the Government to up-load the audit report already received by them so that all stake holders have access to the progress made in the implementation of the statutory provisions.

List on 14.12.2016.

Personal presence of Ms. Lata Krishna Rao is dispensed with.

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