

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). 295/2012

S.RAJASEEKARAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

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

WITH

WP (C) NO. 645/2016

Date : 26/08/2016      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 gone through Report - 8 submitted by the Committee chaired by Justice K.S. Radhakrishnan. We are quite surprised to note that in the year 2014, the number of persons who died in road accidents was 1,39,671. This figure has gone up in the year 2015 to 1,46,133. More than a lakh of deaths are taking place and yet

effective steps have not been taken to reduce casualties, which unfortunately have increased.

What this means is that every three minutes there is a death in a road accident. This is apart from injuries that persons may suffer in road accidents.

Learned counsel for the Union of India states that a meeting has been convened on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2016 with the Central Ministries i.e. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Ministry of Home Affairs. It is stated that the officers (minimum level of Joint Secretary) from these three Ministries will be attending the meeting. We expect some meaningful outcome from this meeting.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and learned *Amicus Curiae* that the State Governments do not seem to be co-operating with the Committee appointed by this Court, we direct the Transport Secretary of all the States to attend the meeting to be convened by the Secretary of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 a date said to be convenient to the said Secretary. The meeting of these Secretaries will deliberate on the steps that have been suggested by Justice Radhakrishnan and take action thereon at the earliest. The issue is not one of suggestions being made but one of implementation, particularly keeping in mind the large number of deaths that are taking place.

We also direct the four General Insurance Companies to inform the said Secretary the money that has been spent by way of compensation in road accidents whether in terms of death or injury

or damage to vehicles for the last three years i.e. for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

The Minutes of the meetings held on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2016 and 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 along with the information obtained from the General Insurance Companies should be placed on affidavit.

List the matters on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

(Meenakshi Kohli)  
Court Master

(Jaswinder Kaur)  
Court Master