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ITEM NO.61

COURT NO.3

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

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 659 OF 2007

ENVIRONMENT & CONSUMER PROT.N.FOUNDATION

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for directions and permission to file additional documents  
and office report)

WITH

W.P(C) NO. 133 of 2012

(With office report)

W.P(C) NO. 168 of 2012

Date: 03/08/2012 These Petitions were called on for hearing today.

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

Having heard learned Senior Counsel for the National Legal Services Authority ('NALSA' for short), learned counsel for the State of U.P. and National Commission for Women, for the present, we issue the following directions:

1. A team of doctors from the Civil Hospital, Vrindavan/Mathura shall visit the four government run Shelter Homes, at least twice a week from 10.00 a.m to 12.00 noon to examine the ailing inmates. However, in case of an emergency, on being informed, the Chief Medical Officer shall ensure that the patient is attended by a doctor from the Hospital without any undue delay;

2. The Officer In-charge of the Sanitation/Health Department of the Vrindavan Municipal Corporation shall ensure that rooms/halls housing the widows and toilets in the said Shelter Homes are cleaned daily and fumigated regularly;

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3. As suggested by the State of U.P., a team comprising the District Probation Officer and District Social Welfare Officer shall be constituted forthwith to ensure that proper food and drinking water is supplied to the inmates of the said Shelter Homes. The said team shall also explore the possibility of having a common mess for the inmates at each of the Shelter Homes;

4. In the event of death of any destitute woman in the city of Vrindavan, the Chief Medical Officer of the Civil Hospital shall ensure that last rites of the deceased are performed properly at the State's expense as per her religion/customs.

The Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Mathura is hereby directed to ensure that the aforesaid directions are complied with in letter and spirit. He shall also attend the next date of hearing in this case, in order to assist us in issuing further directions.

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The National Commission for Women as also the U.P. State Commission for Women shall file their respective affidavits within three weeks from today, indicating the steps already taken or proposed to be taken by them to ameliorate the pathetic conditions in which the destitute women are living in Vrindavan.

A copy of this order shall be forwarded by the office to the Chairperson, U.P. State Commission for Women, Manav Adhikar Bhwan, IIIrd Floor, T.C.-34, V-1, Vibhuti Khand, Gomati Nagar, Lucknow.

Call the matter on 3rd September, 2012.

|(VINOD LAKHINA)  
|Court Master

|(KUSUM GULATI)  
|Court Master

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