

ITEM NO.1501  
(for judgment)

COURT NO.5

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) .659/2007

THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONSUMER  
PROTECTION FOUNDATION ETC.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

WITH

W.P. (C) No. 168/2012 (PIL-W)

W.P. (C) No. 133/2012 (PIL-W)

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur pronounced the judgment of the Bench comprising His Lordship and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Gupta with the following directions:

"Accordingly, we constitute a Committee to study all the reports filed in this Court and provide us with a common working plan (based on the suggestions in the reports) within a period of two months and in any case on or before 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. The Committee shall consist of the following (the first two suggested by the learned Solicitor General on instructions from the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the third by learned counsel for the National Commission for Women):

1. Ms. Suneeta Dhar of NGO Jagori,
2. Ms. Meera Khanna of Guild for Service
3. Ms. Abha Singhal Joshi, Lawyer and activist
4. A nominee of HelpAge India, an NGO that has rendered valuable assistance in this case,
5. A nominee of Sulabh International, an NGO that has rendered valuable assistance in this case,
6. Ms. Aparajita Singh, a lawyer practising in this Court to provide any assistance on legal issues.

12. One of the issues adverted to during the hearing of the petitions, but not mentioned in any of the reports, is the need to encourage widow

remarriage. This is a subject of hope that might enable our society to give up the stereotype view of widows. We request the Committee to consider this during its deliberations.

13. We request the National Commission for Women, in public interest, to assist in providing some working space to the Committee. We propose to adequately remunerate the Committee with an honorarium that will be decided when the matter is next heard. The Registry will ensure that all the reports are made available to the members of the Committee."

To follow-up on the Agreed Action Plan submitted by the learned Solicitor General, list these matters on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

(SANJAY KUMAR-I)

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(Signed reportable judgment is placed on the file)

(SHARDA KAPOOR)

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR