

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSItem No.45:

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 132/2016

RAJNEESH KUMAR PANDEY & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

MR. RISHI MALHOTRA (AMICUS CURIAE]

(Ref Order dated 15.07.2025

IA No. 50471/2021 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 37238/2021 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 249910/2023 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 123252/2020 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 74824/2021 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 146274/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 16355/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 190123/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 116366/2022 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 113310/2022 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 23736/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 82136/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 97659/2018 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 174218/2018 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 146547/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 115912/2018 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 21055/2018 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 21822/2024 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 97663/2018 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 141285/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 98958/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT
IA No. 78979/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT
IA No. 59478/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 9/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 22022/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 173591/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 128163/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 2/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 16358/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 74820/2021 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF
IA No. 30082/2018 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF
IA No. 86670/2016 - IA FOR IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 27854/2017 - IMPLEADMENT, DIRECTION, OT
IA No. 141284/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 98109/2018 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 126356/2017 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION

IA No. 166257/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 97652/2018 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 97651/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 246688/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 30187/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 129598/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 146273/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 16351/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 74815/2021 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 128768/2022 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 22058/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 245958/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 146263/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 74381/2021 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 90592/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 107257/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 98708/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 190121/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 89715/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 21051/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 12758/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 173590/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 97018/2022 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 82130/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 174217/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 146544/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 28942/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 131315/2018 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
IA No. 6824/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
IA No. 6/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE ANNEXURES
IA No. 3/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE ANNEXURES
IA No. 28659/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION
IA No. 1/2016 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES
IA No. 3920/2024 - RECALLING THE COURTS ORDER)

WITH CONMT.PET.(C) No. 591/2022 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016
(IA No. 160599/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 136828/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 156275/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 5723/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 157707/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 160600/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 156274/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 31726/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 5722/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 156466/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 856/2023 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016
(IA No. 62867/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Diary No(s). 10073/2024
(IA No. 75509/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 55972/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Diary No(s). 27076/2024
(IA No. 133338/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 133339/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Diary No(s). 40533/2024
(IA No. 201178/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 157415/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 243939/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

Diary No(s). 46243/2024

Diary No(s). 51158/2024
(IA No. 252704/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)

W.P.(C) No. 876/2017
(IA No. 29329/2018 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 7557/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 29969/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

Diary No(s). 10426/2025
(IA No. 52265/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 52273/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 72760/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

W.P.(C) No. 1099/2023 (FOR ADMISSION)

Diary No(s). 12749/2025
(IA No. 164101/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 85261/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 164103/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 85262/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(C) No. 16838/2025
(IA No. 146998/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT
IA No. 147198/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 589-591/2025 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016
(IA No. 151689/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 554-556/2025 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016
(IA No. 154108/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 520-522/2025 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016
(IA No. 156718/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 156720/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 603-605/2025 in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016
(IA No. 167404/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 167407/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

With

Item No.52:

CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 44233/2025
in W.P.(C) No. 132/2016

[TO BE TAKEN UP ALONGWITH ITEM NO.45 I.E. W.P.(C) No. 132/2016.]
(IA No. 190229/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)

WITH Diary No(s). 46686/2025

(IA No. 202571/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 202570/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Diary No(s). 46953/2025

(IA No. 211158/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 211159/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Diary No(s). 47542/2025

(IA No. 208201/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)

Date : 29-08-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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

1. We are informed that in compliance with the earlier order dated 15th July, 2025, all the States/Union Territories have filed their respective affidavits pleading therein the steps that they have taken in terms of the directions contained in the earlier order dated 7th March, 2025. The said order dated 15th July, 2025 made it clear that if any State/Union Territory fails to file such affidavit, the Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary or the Secretary, Education Department of such State/Union Territory were required to appear personally today.

2. Despite the requisite affidavits being filed, we are informed that officers from some of the States/Union Territories are personally present today. In view of compliance with the order dated 15th July, 2025, none of the officers were required to be present; hence, their personal presence is dispensed with until further orders.

3. There is some confusion as to whether the State of Gujarat has filed its affidavit or not. Learned counsel for the State of Gujarat submits that the affidavit has been filed, whereas Mr. Rishi Malhotra, learned Amicus Curiae, submits that he is yet to receive the same. Be that as it may, a copy of the affidavit filed by the State of Gujarat

shall be made over to the learned Amicus Curiae in course of Monday next, i.e., 1st September, 2025.

4. Re-list all the petitions on 9th September, 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

5. Learned Amicus Curiae shall prepare a fresh convenience chart indicating the extent of compliances, if at all, made by the States/Union Territories in terms of the order dated 7th March, 2025. Soft copies of such convenience chart should be made available to the learned advocates-on-record/standing counsel appearing for the respective States/Union Territories appearing for them as well as the other parties by 8th September, 2025.

6. Mr. Anand Grover, learned senior counsel appearing for the State of West Bengal, submits that some further steps have been taken in respect of primary schools after filing of the State's affidavit in terms of the order dated 15th July, 2025 and he wishes to file an additional affidavit.

7. Permission granted.

8. Let such affidavit be filed by 6th September, 2025, with copy to the learned Amicus Curiae.

9. Those of the States/Union Territories, who are yet to fully comply with the order dated 7th March, 2025 shall be at liberty to do so prior to 8th September, 2025.

10. The interim order passed earlier by this Court shall continue till the next date of hearing.

(ANITA MALHOTRA)
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