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Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 950/2022

MAATR SPARSH AN INITIATIVE BY AVYAAN FOUNDATION Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondent(s)

([TO BE TAKEN UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER FRESH CASES, IF ANY])

Date : 19-11-2024 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.S.G appearing for respondent No.1/Union of India.

Before we issue directions in the matter, it would be appropriate to seek the views of the Union of India with regard to implementation of the prayers that have been sought for by the petitioner herein.

For ease of reference, the prayers are extracted as under -

"a. Issue a Writ, Order, or Direction in the nature of Mandamus to all Respondents to act and construct feeding
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rooms and child care rooms etc or any other facilities related to infants and mothers at public places;

b. Issue a Writ, Order, or Direction in the nature of Mandamus to all Respondents to ensure that the fundamental right of nursing mother and infants are protected;

c. Pass such other orders as may be deemed fit in the facts and circumstances of this case."

In short, the petitioner is seeking separate and exclusive spaces for the purpose of child care and feeding of children in public buildings, public places etc.

At present, there appears to be no concrete law including Rules or Notifications, which have been issued by the Union of India in this regard.

Hence, the matter is adjourned to 10.12.2024 so as to enable learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned A.S.G appearing for respondent No.1/Union of India to formulate a plan of action so that the same could be implemented by the States with relevant modifications..

(NEETU SACHDEVA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(DIVYA BABBAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)