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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
J.B. PARDIWALA; J., R. MAHADEVAN; J.
Writ Petition(Civil) No.84/2025; 03-02-2025

KAMLA BAI *versus* HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD & ORS.

Judicial Vacancies - Expediting long-pending cases in the Allahabad High Court - The Supreme Court expressed deep concern over the numerous writ petitions seeking expeditious disposal of cases pending for over three decades in the Allahabad High Court. In this particular case, a 95-year-old litigant sought urgent hearing of her Second Appeal pending since 2013. The Court acknowledged the heavy caseload on each judge of the Allahabad High Court (approximately 15,000 to 20,000 cases per judge). The Court noted the significant vacancy in the High Court, with only 84 judges working against a sanctioned strength of 160. The Court emphasized the urgent need to fill judicial vacancies based on merit and ability to alleviate the backlog. The writ petition was treated as a representation to the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, directing the Registry to forward a copy of the petition and the order. The Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court was requested to examine the matter and take appropriate administrative action. The writ petition was disposed of. (Para 1 – 10)

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ORDER

1. In last two months, we have come across many writ petitions filed by the litigants whose proceedings are pending before the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad past more than three decades seeking directions that the matter should be heard expeditiously by the High Court.

2. This is one more petition under Article 32 of the Constitution of India filed by a litigant by name 'Kamla Bai' aged around 95 years with a fervent appeal that the High Court be requested to take up her Second Appeal No.1285/2013 and decide the matter at the earliest.

3. There is no doubt that the High Court of Allahabad is flooded with litigation.

4. We are informed that each Hon'ble Judge in the High Court has with him or her around 15000 to 20000 matters. The High Court has a sanctioned strength of 160 Judges but unfortunately is working today with a strength of 84 Judges.

5. The litigants are eagerly waiting for their matters be taken up and decided.

6. The only way out is to take necessary steps at the earliest to fill-up the vacancies recommending suitable persons on the basis of pure merit and ability.

7. Let this petition be treated as a representation addressed to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

8. The Registry shall forward one copy of the Writ Petition along with this order to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

9. Let the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court look into the matter and pass an appropriate order in this regard on its administrative side.

10. The Writ Petition is disposed of.