

ITEM NO.1

COURT NO.7

SECTION II

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

Miscellaneous Application No. 729/2025 in Cr1.A. No. 1927/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 15-04-2025 in Cr1.A. No.1927/2025 passed by the Supreme Court of India]

PINKI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH & ANR.

Respondent(s)

WITH

Diary No.20521/2025 (II)

(IA No. 98701/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION)

Date : 02-12-2025 These petitions 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. Ms. Aparna Bhat, the learned Amicus has placed before us a Status Report of compliance of directions issued by us as contained in Paragraphs 81 and 91 respectively of the Judgment dated 15-4-2025.

2. The note highlighting the Status Report reads thus:-

"STATUS OF COMPLIANCE OF DIRECTIONS GIVEN IN PARAGRAPHS 81 AND 91 OF THE JUDGEMENT DATED 15.04.2025 PASSED BY THIS HON'BLE COURT IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER

S. No.	Direction	Status of Compliance
1.	81 a) - "We direct the Chief Judicial Magistrate District Varanasi and the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Court No. 5 District Varanasi to commit all the three criminal cases referred to in para 9 of this judgment to the sessions court, within a period of two weeks from today without fail."	Complied
2.	81 b) - "Upon all the three criminal cases being committed to the court of sessions, the concerned trial court shall proceed to frame charge against individual accused persons within a period of one week thereafter."	Complied
3.	81 c) - "If it is brought to the notice of the trial court that some of the accused persons have absconded or their whereabouts are not known, the trial court shall take steps immediately to secure their presence by issuing non-bailable warrant etc. The trial of the absconding accused shall be separated in accordance with law so that the trial of the other co-accused persons do not get delayed."	Complied
4.	81 d) - "Once the charge is framed by the trial court in individual cases, the concerned trial court shall proceed with the recording of the evidence preferably on day-to-day basis and complete the proceedings of the trial within a period of six months."	Complied

- 81 e) - N/A
 "We direct the State Government to appoint three special public prosecutors for the purpose of conducting of the trials well versed in criminal trials at the earliest."
5. 81 f) - N/A
 "We also direct the State Government to provide police protection to the victims and their families pending the trial at the earliest so as to prevent tampering of the evidence."
6. 81 g) - Complied
 "We grant two months' time to the State Police to trace out all those accused persons who have absconded and are on the run. They shall be apprehended and produced before the court concerned at the earliest."
7. 81 h) - Not complied with.
 "We direct the State Government to ensure that the trafficked children are admitted in schools in accordance with the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and continue to provide support for their education."
8. 81 i) - Not complied with.
 "At the end of the trial, the concerned trial court shall pass appropriate orders as regards compensation to the victims under the provisions of the BNSS 2023 including under the Uttar Pradesh Rani Laxmi Bai Mahila Evam Bal Samman Kosh managed by the Child Welfare Committee."
9. 81 j) - No information received from the State Governments.
 "All the State Governments across the country are directed to look into the report of BIRD dated 12.04.2023 more particularly the recommendations, as reproduced by us in para 34 of this judgment."
10. 81 k) - No information received from the State Governments.
 "All the State Governments are directed to study the entire report and start implementing each of the recommendations by working out

appropriate modalities in that regard."

11. 81 l) -

"We direct all the High Courts across the country to call for the necessary information as regards the status of the pending trials relating to child trafficking. Once each of the High Courts is able to collect the necessary data as regards the status of the trials, a circular thereafter shall be issued on its administrative side to all the concerned trial courts to complete the trials within a period of six months from the date of the circular and if need be, by conducting the trials on day-to-day basis. Each of the High Courts shall thereafter forward a report to this Court as regards the compliance of the directions contained in the circular."

Kindly refer to the additional chart specifying the status of compliance by various High Courts.

12. 81 m) -

"Non-compliance of our directions or any laxity of any nature in that regard on the part of any of the authorities shall be viewed very strictly and if need be, they shall be proceeded for contempt."

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13. 91 -

"If any newborn infant is trafficked from any hospital, the immediate action against the hospital should be suspension of licence to run the hospital over and above other actions in accordance with law. When any lady comes to deliver her baby in any hospital, it is the responsibility of the administration of the hospital to protect the newborn infant in all respects."

No information received from the State Governments.

3. We take notice of the fact that some of the directions issued by us have been duly complied with. However, we are looking into those directions which have not yet been complied with.

4. The direction issued in Para 81(h) relates to admitting the trafficked children in school in accordance with the provisions of

the Right of Children To Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and continue to support their education. However, it is only when they attain the age of 5 years then they would be admitted in Schools in accordance with the provisions of the Act, 2009 This issue can be looked into later in point of time.

5. In so far as the direction issued as contained in Para 81(i) is concerned, the Trial Court is expected to pass appropriate orders as regards awarding compensation to the victims under the provisions of BNSS, 2023 including under the Uttar Pradesh Rani Laxmi Bhai Mahila Evam Bal Samman Kosh managed by the Child Welfare Committee.

6. We direct that wherever the trials have been completed and no compensation orders have been passed, the Court concerned shall proceed to pass appropriate orders of compensation.

7. According to Ms. Bhat, no information has been received from some of the State Governments so far as the directions contained in Para 81(j) is concerned. We had directed all the State Governments across the country to look into the Report of BIRD dated 12-4-2023, more particularly, the recommendation as reproduced in Para 34 of the Judgment.

8. We request Ms. Archana Pathak Dave, the learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to provide us with the necessary information in this regard by the next date of hearing.

9. We request Ms. Dave to first share the necessary information with the learned Amicus, who in turn, shall bring it to our notice and assist us further.

10. It was also pointed out that in accordance with the directions issued in Para 81(k), all the State Governments were directed to study the entire Report and start implementing each of the recommendations. This has something to do with the directions issued in Para 81(l) is concerned, as referred to above.

11. If any of the State Governments have undertaken the study and have started implementing the recommendations the details in this regard be placed on record by the next date of hearing.

12. In so far as the direction issued in Para 81(1) is concerned, the High Courts Jharkhand, Patna, Telengana, Bombay, Chhattisgarh, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and Madhya Pradesh respectively have not furnished data/report so far. The High Courts which have provided the data/report need to provide us full information as all that these High Courts have done is to circulate the necessary circular in the trial courts.

13. The High Court has not furnished orders in so far as directions contained in Para 91 is concerned, we would like to know from Ms. Dave, the learned Additional Solicitor General whether in the recent past, any new born was trafficked from any Hospital and if yes, what action has been taken against such Hospital.

14. At this stage, Ms. Bhat, the learned Amicus brought to our notice something very disheartening and shocking. We were informed that the services of Pinki, the petitioner in the main matter, and her husband serving as Sweepers with Dashashwamedh Ward of Varanasi Municipal Corporation through a Contractor, have been terminated.

15. Since this Court has taken serious cognizance in so far as the issue of child trafficking is concerned, the concerned Authority seems to have got agitated and terminated the services of the husband and wife as Sweepers.

16. Mr. Garvesh Kabra, the learned counsel has appeared on behalf of the State of U.P. We made ourselves very clear that by 12 pm, the husband and wife should be reinstated in service on the same terms and conditions on which they were earlier working, failing which we shall place the Authority concerned responsible for terminating their services under suspension.

17. By end of the day today, we request the learned counsel to inform us whether the husband and wife have been reinstated in services or not.

18. Let this matter come up for hearing on 13-1-2026.

(VISHAL ANAND)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)