

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

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).83/2010

FEDERATON OF LEPY.ORGAN.(FOLO) & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

WITH

W.P.(C) No.1151/2017 (PIL-W)

(IA No. 38224/2020 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION)

Date : 30-07-2025 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. In these petitions filed in public interest highlighting the discriminatory, derogatory and demeaning provisions in various

Statute, Rules/Regulations and instructions etc. against leprosy affected/cured persons, we passed a speaking order dated 07.05.2025 directing the Chief Secretaries and the Law Secretaries of all the States to constitute a Committee of three officers from Law and Justice Department, preferably to be headed by an officer in the rank of Principal District Judge. The said Committees were to be constituted in consultation with Hon'ble the Chief Justice of the High Courts. Such Committees were then directed:

"4(i) All the State Laws, pre or post Constitution where the discriminatory expressions in respect of leprosy affected or cured persons are still part of the statute book.

(ii) Such Regulations, Statutory Rules or Bye-Laws where similar provisions have been incorporated, shall also be identified. This exercise shall further include the Regulations formulated under different Statutes, Service Rules enacted under proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution as well as Bye-Laws framed under different Statutes like Cooperative Societies Act."

2. As a follow-up action, the Committees were further directed to make recommendations to the State Government for suitable amendment in the Statute/Regulations/Rules/Bye-laws or instructions and a further direction was issued to the States to comply with those recommendations.

3. The States/Union Territories of West Bengal, Karnataka, Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, NCT of Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar, Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu and Chandigarh have filed compliance affidavits regarding constitution of the Committees. The compliance reports from the remaining States, however, are still awaited.

4. We direct the remaining States to do the needful within two

weeks and submit a compliance affidavit.

5. All those States, where Committees have been constituted, it goes without saying that such Committees must initiate steps immediately in terms of paragraphs 4 and 5 of our order dated 07.05.2025.

6. The Chief Secretaries of all the States shall submit a status report with regard to the follow-up action taken by them pursuant to the recommendations made by the Committees. The needful shall be done within one week before the next date of hearing.

7. We are informed that the National Human Rights Commission has also independently examined this issue and has either made some recommendation or submitted a report.

8. The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order to the Secretary, National Human Rights Commission, who shall furnish the details to this Court after getting prior approval of the learned Chairman of the Commission.

9. Learned counsel for the States/Union Territory of Puducherry, Mizoram and Kerala states that they have also filed a compliance report, which is not on record. The Registry to tag the same with the paper-book.

10. Post the matters for further consideration on 12.11.2025.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR