

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR

WP No. 15658 of 2012

(BHOPAL GAS PEEDITH MAHILA UDYOG SANGTHAN AND OTHERS Vs UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS)

WP/17901/2014, CONC/832/2015

Dated : 06-01-2025

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Vide order dated 09.12.2024, this Court directed the respondents to place on record the timelines as well as procedure for digitization of the entire medical record of the patients.

In pursuant to the said order, the compliance affidavit has been handed over in Court and the State is directed to take the same on record. In para 6 of the said affidavit, it is stated that the medical records prior to the year 2014 are very old, therefore, only 3000 pages per day can be scanned. According to which, it is estimated that the work will be completed in a total

of about 550 days, however, the exact time lines will be ascertainable only after the work is commenced.

In para 8 of the said affidavit, it is stated that for establishing the cloud server under the e-hospital Project, a proposal has been obtained from the NIC and is pending for financial approval of Finance Department for which it is expected that the budget would be allocated in the Financial Year 2025-26, thereafter the scanned record will be incorporated in the said server. According to the proposal given by the NIC, the entire work would be completed in 12 months.

It seems that the respondents are not serious about the work to be completed. Accordingly, the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and Chief Secretary, Madhya Pradesh along with Director, Memorial Hospital Research Centre, Bhopal shall sit together within one week and finalize the action plan so that the issue in the present petition can be executed in a timeline and expeditiously.

List on 18.02.2025 and the respondents are directed to file day to day progress report of the first meeting of the aforesaid authority.

The aforesaid respondents shall also ensure the release of funds required for the purpose in question.

(SURESH KUMAR KAIT)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(VIVEK JAIN)
JUDGE