

ITEM NO.3 Court 4 (Video Conferencing) SECTION PIL-W

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

Writ Petition (Civil) No.619/2021

YOUTH BAR ASSOCIATION OF INDIA (REGD.) Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA Respondent(s)

(With appln.(s) for I.R. and IA No.65943/2021-APPLICATION FOR
EXEMPTION FROM FILING ORIGINAL VAKALATNAMA/OTHER DOCUMENT)

Date : 08-09-2021 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HIMA KOHLI

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

- 1 The petition under Article 32 of the Constitution seeks a direction to the Union of India to enforce a door to door covid vaccination programme for all

citizens, particularly those who are elderly, differently abled, less privileged, belong to the weaker sections of the society and those who are not capable of registering on-line for approaching vaccination centres. A direction has also been sought for formulating a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) so as to give immediate effect to door to door vaccination and to have a toll free 24x7 portal for that purpose.

- 2 The vaccination programme is already under way and this Court is monitoring the situation in the *suo motu* proceedings¹ which have been initiated during the course of the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. At this stage, it would be difficult to issue a general direction of the nature which has been sought, particularly having regard to the diversity of conditions prevalent in different parts of the country. Any order that the Court passes should not impinge upon the administrative powers of the State Governments to take suitable measures, including door to door vaccination, in appropriate cases.
- 3 Hence, at the present stage, it would be appropriate to permit the petitioners to address their concerns to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and to make concrete suggestions in that regard. This may be considered at the appropriate level. We clarify that the present order will not have any bearing on the *suo motu* proceedings where the Court is monitoring the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 4 The petition is accordingly disposed of.
- 5 Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(CHETAN KUMAR)
A.R. - cum - P.S.

(SAROJ KUMARI GAUR)
Court Master

¹ In Re: *Distribution of Essential Supplies and Services During Pandemic*, SMWP (Civil) No 3 of 2021