

ITEM NO.14

Virtual Court 1

SECTION X

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WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) .....Diary No(s).10885/2020

VIBHA DATTA MAKHIJA &amp; ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 48344/2020 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION

Date : 21-04-2020 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KISHAN KAUL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.R. GAVAI

For Petitioner(s) Ms. Vibha Datta Makhija, Sr.Adv.  
Ms. Jaikriti S. Jadeja, AOR

For Respondent(s) Mr. Tushar Mehta, SG

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

The Court is convened through Video Conferencing.

Heard Ms. Vibha Datta Makhija, learned senior counsel appearing as a petitioner-in-person as also Mr.Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General appearing on behalf of the respondent-Union of India at length.

The Petitioners have filed the present Writ Petition seeking evacuation of vulnerable Indian citizens from the US, particularly those on temporary visas. In reply to the prayer made in the instant petition preferred under Article 32 of the Constitution of India, a detailed status report has been filed, setting out the steps already taken by the Government of India, showing its proactive approach. However, the learned Solicitor General submits that it would not be possible to evacuate people from the US to India at this stage.

That said, on a request made by the Petitioners, the learned Solicitor General submitted that a representation can be made

regarding specific vulnerable people to the designated officers mentioned in Annexure-I of the list of officers attached with the Status Report filed by the Ministry of External Affairs, within two weeks.

On such a representation being filed by the Petitioners, the concerned authorities are directed to consider the same on its own merits and take appropriate steps to ameliorate the conditions of those in USA.

With the above direction, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)  
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(RAJ RANI NEGI)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR