

Case :- P.I.L. CIVIL No. - 7941 of 2020

Petitioner :- Dr. Shivji Shukla Advocate

Respondent :- U.O.I.Thru Secy.Ministry Of Health& Ministry Of Finance
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Counsel for Petitioner :- Shivji Shukla (In-Person)

Hon'ble Pankaj Kumar Jaiswal,J.

Hon'ble Karunesh Singh Pawar,J.

When the matter was taken up through Video Conferencing, no one is present on behalf of the petitioner.

However, Sri S. B. Pandey, learned Assistant Solicitor General of India, assisted by Sri Varun Pandey, Advocate, has put in appearance on behalf of respondent no.1.

This Public Interest Litigation has been filed by Dr. Shivji Shukla, Advocate, who is a practicing lawyer, for issuance of writ of mandamus directing respondent no.1 to constitute a Committee or a Commission to assess the impact of COVID-19 virus pandemic on the Indian economy and to quantify in monetary terms the losses already incurred by respondent nos. 1 and 2.

The second prayer in the writ petition is to issue a writ of mandamus directing respondent no.1 to constitute another committee or a Commission to assess and quantify in monetary terms the claims of the people who have suffered harm and injury in one form or the other resulting from the negligent and reckless conduct of the respondents no. 3 to 5. To support this, the petitioner has raised Ground nos. ii, iii, iv, v, vii, xi and xii in the writ petition.

At present, effect of the COVID-19 is going on and, therefore, no such relief as prayed in this Public Interest Litigation can be granted to the petitioner nor we issue any notice to the

respondent nos. 3 to 5. Thus, appropriate course for the petitioner is to withdraw this writ petition or to argue it on the question of maintainability.

Sri S.B. Pandey, learned counsel for the respondent no.1 has submitted that as the copy of the complete set of the writ petition has not been supplied to him, therefore, he is not in a position to say anything in the matter and prays that a direction be issued to the petitioner to supply a copy of complete set of the writ petition through e-mail to him so that he may take instructions in the matter.

Considering the aforesaid, we direct the petitioner to supply a copy of the complete set of the writ petition to Sri S.B. Pandey, learned counsel for the respondent no.1 as well as respondent no.2 through e-mail within three days from today and argue the matter on the question of maintainability of the writ petition on the next date of listing, failing which, we will consider the objection with regard to maintainability of the writ petition and pass appropriate order on the next date of listing.

List this case on **Monday** (4.5.2020).

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(Karunesh Singh Pawar, J.) (Pankaj Kumar Jaiswal, J.)

Order Date :- 28.4.2020

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