

ITEM NO.2 Court 4 (Video Conferencing) SECTION PIL-W

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Writ Petition (Civil) No.706/2021

PRADEEP KUMAR YADAV

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appln.(s) for IA No.73544/2021-PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE
IN PERSON)

Date : 14-09-2021 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA

For Petitioner(s)

Petitioner-in-person

For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing the petitioner in-person the Court made the following
O R D E R

- 1 The relief which has been sought in these proceedings under Article 32 of the Constitution is that the respondents should pay an *ex gratia* of Rs 50 lakhs to the next-of-kin of advocates below the age of sixty years who have died due to the Covid-19 pandemic or in any other manner and in the event of a death due to the pandemic, additional monetary compensation be provided. The respondents are the Union of India, the Union Ministries of Home Affairs and of Law and Justice, the Bar Councils and the Supreme Court Bar

Association. There is a decision of this Court dated 30 June 2021 in Writ Petition (Civil) Nos 554 and 539 of 2021 specifically dealing with the framing of guidelines for the disbursement of compensation to the kin of those who have died as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. There is no reason for this Court to make an exception in the case of members of the Bar whose claims will be at par with other persons who suffered the same unfortunate fate. That apart, none of the grounds which have been set out in the writ petition have any relevance to the issue at hand. It appears that a cut, copy and paste function has been applied from some other petition which was drafted by the counsel. This reflects a lack of responsibility.

- 2 In the circumstances, we are inclined to dismiss the petition with costs, with a cautionary note to the petitioner in-person for the future. The petition is accordingly dismissed with costs quantified at Rs 10,000, which shall be payable to the Supreme Court Bar Association, within a period of one week from today.
- 3 Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

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

(SAROJ KUMARI GAUR)
Court Master