

ITEM NO.5

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Writ Petition (Civil) No.1151/2017

VIDHI CENTRE FOR LEGAL POLICY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

Date : 24-04-2018 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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

It is submitted by Ms. Pinky Anand, learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the Union of India that the Central Government is taking steps to delete the provisions from number of enactments which cast stigma on the persons who are suffering from leprosy and also create a

disability for them. We have also been apprised that the four States, namely, Maharashtra, U.P., Sikkim and Manipur have filed their affidavits in that tenor.

Learned counsel appearing for the other States undertake that reply supported with affidavits shall be filed within six weeks hence. We are sure that the Center and the States shall rise to the occasion to remove the provisions which create a disability as far as the persons suffering from leprosy. Be it noted, we have also been apprised that the leprosy at present is absolutely curable. Hence, there should be no discrimination.

We may hasten to add that the Central Government shall take up the issue with the other States so that there can be expression of sensitivity towards such category of persons.

Mr. P.H. Parekh, learned senior counsel appearing for the High Court of Patna has submitted that the High Court shall amend its rules in that regard after the State of Bihar carries out the amendment.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pathak and Mr. Yashvardhan, learned counsel appearing for the High Courts of Meghalaya and Allahabad respectively, submit that the High Courts shall take appropriate steps if there is anything relatable to the disease in question.

Let the matter be listed along with W.P.(C) No.767 of 2014 on 5th July, 2018.

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Court Master

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Assistant Registrar