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

We have gone through the Report of the Committee appointed by this Court.

Haryana

It is stated that on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 an affidavit was filed by the State of Haryana to the effect that there are 6107 urban homeless and that the administrative approvals for construction of shelters have been issued for the towns of Hisar, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra and Rewari.

In the affidavit filed in this Court on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, it is again stated that there are only 6107 urban homeless in the State. There is nothing to indicate what steps have been taken by the State of Haryana over the last three years to reduce the number of homeless.

We may also note that the Committee appointed by this Court in fact noted that there are about 23,789 urban homeless in the State of Haryana. There is obviously a huge mis-match of figures which is totally unexplained.

We have also seen Annexure R-1 annexed to the affidavit filed by the State of Haryana which gives the impression that all sorts of Committees have been constituted, but no meeting has been held at least since 2014 by almost every such Committee.

In fact, out of 26 Committees, only 4 of them have had meetings from the date of constitution of the

Committees in 2014/2015. It is quite obvious that the State of Haryana has very little concern for the urban homeless given the disclosures in the affidavit.

We would like the Chief Secretary of the State of Haryana to explain to us what is proposed to be done, if anything at all, for the urban homeless in Haryana.

The Chief Secretary should appear in Court on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017.

#### Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal

We have also gone through the affidavits filed by the States of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

All that we can say after going through the affidavits filed by these States and after hearing learned counsel representing the States that we are presented with a very dismal and distressing state of affairs with regard to urban homeless. None of these States seem to have any clue of what is going on and what should be done to mitigate the hardship faced by the urban homeless.

Learned counsel for the State of Uttar Pradesh and learned counsel for the State of West Bengal say that they will personally look into all the issues. They have been given a questionnaire by Mr. Prashant Bhushan and they say that they would try and get information on the basis of this questionnaire within a period of ten days or so.

During the course of hearing, it appears to us that since these three States which were selected randomly have achieved nothing towards implementation of the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), some alternative solution may have to be found out.

The Union of India may also have to look into the matter on how to implement the Mission effectively so that crores of rupees that are sanctioned are not frittered away on issues that have no concern directly or indirectly with the NULM.

We have also suggested to learned counsel for the parties to advise us and assist us on the feasibility of setting up of independent impartial committees or Committees since it appears that under the NULM the existing Committees do not seem to be achieving any positive results.

Learned Additional Solicitor General says that he will assist us in this matter and will discuss the matter with senior officers of the Government of India and get back to us.

List the matter on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017.

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