SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SMW (CRL) No(s). 3/2015

IN RE: PRAJWALA LETTER DATED 18.2.2015 VIDEOS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(With application for impleadment and permission to appear and argue in person)

Date: 21/11/2016 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MADAN B. LOKUR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UDAY UMESH LALIT

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

ORDER

Learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn our attention to

an affidavit filed by CBI / respondent No.8 on 8.10.2015. She submits that the CBI has some very valuable suggestions which need to be considered and appropriate orders passed thereon.

Our attention has also been drawn to the order dated 4.12.2015. Learned counsel for the Union of India submits that pursuant to the order dated 4.12.2015, an affidavit sworn by Mr. Vedantam Giri, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was filed on 4.12.2015.

We have gone through the affidavit filed on behalf of the Ministry of Home Affairs and find that a Committee was set up by the Ministry of Home Affairs to look into the issues relating to cyber crimes and suggest a Road Map for effectively tackling cyber crimes in the country and giving suitable recommendations on all facets of cyber crime.

The Committee submitted its report in the first week of September, 2015. The Ministry of Home Affairs accepted the recommendations of the Expert Committee in principle on 17/09/2015 and in principle approval has also been granted by senior officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs for two schemes viz. (i) Scheme for setting up Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) with the estimate cost of Rs.464.28 crores (from the allocated budget of MHA). (ii) Scheme for setting up Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children (CCPWC) Unit with the estimated cost of Rs.244.32 crores (from Nirbhaya fund).

It is also stated in the affidavit that the data based on the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) has in principle been approved for publishing in National Sex Offenders List.

A detailed concept note has been prepared in this regard and shared with the concerned Members. A module for the same has also been finalised under the Central Citizen Portal in CCTNS Project. It is further stated that setting up of the Investigative Units For Crime Against Women (IUCAW) are additional reinforcement to strengthen the existing infrastructure for tackling heinous crimes against women and in lieu of a central coordinating mechanism.

Learned counsel should update us on the schemes along with a copy thereof with the final decision taken on publishing a National Sex Offenders List as well as the progress with regard to the Investigative Units For Crime Against Women (IUCAW).

List the matter on 28.11.2016 at 2.00 pm.

We make it clear that no adjournment will be granted in this regard.

(Meenakshi Kohli) Court Master (Jaswinder Kaur) Court Master