

ITEM NO.50

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COURT NO.8

SECTION PIL(W)

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s) .659/2007

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Learned Additional Solicitor General says that he will take up the matter with the concerned Ministry and ensure that all affidavits are filed well in time and given to the concerned counsel so that they are also prepared with the case.

We find from a perusal of the affidavit that financial norms for running homes for widows throughout the country have been revised with effect from 1st January, 2016.

On being asked, we are informed that there are some homes for widows, other than in Vrindavan, in some other parts of the State of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Odisha and West Bengal. Although we have exempted presence of learned counsel representing the States, we will now require them to be present in Court on the next date of hearing, in view of the above, along with details of information about the homes for widows and the conditions in their respective States.

In the meanwhile, we also require the National Commission for Women to make a detailed enquiry and give us a status report about the homes of widows in the States of West Bengal, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh other than Vrindavan.

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