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W.P.(CrI.) No. 391/2021 (X)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.118374/2021-EX-PARTE AD-INTERIM RELIEF and IA No.118376/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No.118377/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT)

W.P.(C) No. 1265/2021 (X)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.150287/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

W.P.(C) No. 24/2022 (PIL-W)

(IA No. 30382/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION)

W.P.(C) No. 80/2022 (PIL-W)

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W.P.(C) No. 940/2022 (PIL-W)

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SLP(CrI) No. 5107/2023 (II-C)

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 1111/2023 in W.P.(C) No. 940/2022 (PIL-W)

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 776/2023 in W.P.(C) No. 940/2022 (PIL-W)
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Diary No(s). 11853/2023 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 515/2023 (PIL-W)

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CONMT.PET.(C) No. 1153/2023 in W.P.(C) No. 943/2021 (PIL-W)

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Date : 29-11-2023 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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

The Union of India has filed a status report on 20.11.2023, giving the list of 28 States and Union Territories, which had appointed Nodal Officers in compliance of the order dated 17.07.2018 passed by this Court in *Tehseen S. Poonawalla vs. Union of India & Ors.*¹.

During the course of hearing, learned counsel appearing for the State of West Bengal has stated that the Nodal Officer has been

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appointed.

Court notice will be issued to the standing/nominated counsel for the States of Gujarat, Kerala, Nagaland and Tamil Nadu to state whether they have appointed Nodal Officers in compliance of the aforesaid order. Affidavit in this regard will be filed by the respective States within four weeks from today. Details and particulars of the Nodal Officers shall be stated.

As there are large number of writ petitions/special leave petitions/contempt petitions/applications pending before this Court, we deem it appropriate to appoint Mr. Vatsal Joshi, Advocate in addition to the two earlier appointed Advocates-on-Record, namely, Mr. Anas Tanwar and Mr. Mrigank Prabhakar, to act as Nodal counsel. They shall prepare a chart indicating the name of the petitioners, respondents and the prayers made in each of the petitions. The said chart will be filed in the Court on or before 19.01.2024.

Learned counsel for the parties are also given liberty to file suggestions, an e-copy of each of which will be made available to the Nodal Counsel. E-copy thereof can be collected from the Nodal Counsel.

It is pointed out that the Home Secretary had called a meeting of the Chief Secretaries of the respective States/Union Territories on 11.10.2023. Minutes/details of the said meeting will be placed on record with an affidavit, before the next date of hearing.

List in the week commencing 05.02.2024.

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 No.61253/2021-PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON)

W.P.(CrI.) No. 391/2021 (X)

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 IA No.118376/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No.118377/2021-
 EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT)

W.P.(C) No. 1265/2021 (X)

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W.P.(C) No. 24/2022 (PIL-W)

(IA No. 30382/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION)

W.P.(C) No. 80/2022 (PIL-W)

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W.P.(C) No. 940/2022 (PIL-W)

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W.P.(C) No. 515/2023 (PIL-W)

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

The Union of India has filed a status report on 20.11.2023, giving the list of 28 States and Union Territories, which had appointed Nodal Officers in compliance of the order dated 17.07.2018 passed by this Court in *Tehseen S. Poonawalla vs. Union of India & Ors.*².

During the course of hearing, learned counsel appearing for the State of West Bengal has stated that the Nodal Officer has been appointed.

Court notice will be issued to the standing/nominated counsel for the States of Gujarat, Kerala, Nagaland and Tamil Nadu to state whether they have appointed Nodal Officers in compliance of the aforesaid order. Affidavit in this regard will be filed by the respective States within four weeks from today. Details and particulars of the Nodal Officers shall be stated.

As there are large number of writ petitions/special leave petitions/contempt petitions/applications pending before this Court, we deem it appropriate to appoint Mr. Vatsal Joshi, Advocate in addition to the two earlier appointed Advocates-on-Record, namely, Mr. Anas Tanwar and Mr. Mrigank Prabhakar, to act as Nodal counsel. They shall prepare a chart indicating the name of the petitioners, respondents and the prayers made in each of the petitions. The said chart will be filed in the Court on or before 19.01.2024.

Learned counsel for the parties are also given liberty to file suggestions, an e-copy of each of which will be made available to the Nodal Counsel. E-copy thereof can be collected from the Nodal Counsel.

It is pointed out that the Home Secretary had called a meeting of the Chief Secretaries of the respective States/Union Territories on 11.10.2023. Minutes/details of the said meeting will be placed on record with an affidavit, before the next date of hearing.

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