ITEM NO.2 COURT NO.3

SECTION PIL-W

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 295/2012

S. RAJASEEKARAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

Respondent(s)

(REPORT NOS. 16, 18 AND 20 ARE TO BE LISTED. MR. GAURAV AGRAWAL, ADVOCATE IS AMICUS CURIAE IN THE MATTER.)

Date: 27-02-2019 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

Mr. Gaurav Agarwal, learned Amicus Curiae, submits that a large sum to the tune of Rupees ninety crores is lying with the General Insurance Council (GIC) for disbursement to the victims of hit and run motor accident cases. He further submits that having regard to the depreciation in the value of currency, the amount of compensation to the tune of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) is largely felt to be inadequate for the purpose of compensating victims of such cases. He therefore prays that the compensation amount can be reasonably fixed at about Rupees two lakh per victim in case of death and Rupees fifty thousand per victim in case of grievous injuries.

Ms. Pinky Anand, learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the Union of India, points out that the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017 for enhancement of compensation to the above extent, has been passed in the Lok Sabha but is still pending before the Rajya Sabha.

In any case, we find that it is necessary to find out a secured and foolproof method of distribution of this compensation that may be paid to the victims of hit and run motor accident cases.

For this purpose, we consider it appropriate to call upon Mr. Agarwal, learned Amicus Curiae who is assisting in the matter

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learned Additional Solicitor General along with Ms. Anand, appearing for the Union of India, and other stake holders to submit a scheme for a faithful distribution of the amounts which may be paid over to the victims of hit and run motor accident cases.

We, accordingly, adjourn this matter to 02.4.2019.

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