ITEM NO.5 COURT NO.1 SECTION PIL-W

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 243/2005

RAJIVE RATURI Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA NO. 96423/2018 - I/A FOR FILING STATUS REPORT CUM ACTION TAKEN REPORT - PER BY CM IA NO. 89088/2018 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION IA NO. 96163/2018 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 228/2006 (PIL-W)

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

- Following the decision of this Court in *Rajive Raturi Vs Union of India*¹, several orders have been passed from time to time including on 15 January 2019 regarding the poor progress which has been made by the Union, States and Union Territories in implementing the provisions of Sections 44 and 45 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 and the directions of this Court.
- On 15 January 2019, nearly four years ago, this Court had taken strong exception to the manner in which its directions were being implemented. Though affidavits have been filed thereafter, it is necessary that a comprehensive exercise is carried out at this stage to assess the situation on the ground.
- We accordingly direct the Centre for Disabilities Studies, NALSAR University of Law to submit a report on the steps required to be taken in accordance with the
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guidelines and the Accessible India Campaign to, inter alia, make all State and

Central Government buildings, airports, railway stations, public transport

carriers, all Government websites, all public documents and the ICT ecosystem

fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

4 The report shall be compiled and presented to this Court within a period of six

months.

5 The Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in the Department of

Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shall cooperate with the Centre for

Disabilities Studies, NALSAR University of Law by arranging logistical assistance.

6 Liberty is granted to the counsel for the petitioner to apply for listing of the

proceedings after the report by the NALSAR is presented.

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