

ITEM NO.29

COURT NO.11

SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G SWrit Petition(Civil) No.1140/2020

ASHWANI KUMAR AWASTHY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 100461/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT)

Date : 09-04-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

For Petitioner(s) :

Ms. Kritika Agrawal, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

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Mr. Anil Nag, AOR

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

1. Application seeking substitution is allowed and the legal representatives of the deceased petitioner are brought on record.
2. Amended cause title be filed immediately.
3. Exemption Application is allowed.
4. The petitioner has invoked the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 32 of the Constitution for the purpose of seeking the following reliefs:-

"a) to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the bi-monthly meeting of the Standing Committee in compliance with the

directions of this Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 26.07.1996 in the matter of Pradesh Pong Bandh Visthapiti Samiti, Rajasthan and Ors. Vs. Union of India and Ors.;

b) alternatively, to issue any other Writ or order or direction in the nature of Writ of Mandamus to the Respondents to conduct bi-monthly meeting of the Standing Committee in compliance with the directions of this Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 26.07.1996 in the matter of Pradesh Pong Bandh Visthapiti Samiti, Rajasthan and Ors. Vs. Union of India and Ors. to address the issues of the Pong Dam oustees;

c) to allow the Petitioner to plead additional grounds;

d) to pass any other or further orders as this Hon 'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the present case."

5. We heard Ms. Kritika Agrawal, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, Mr. Shiv Mangal Sharma, the learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State of Rajasthan, Mr. Anil Naga, the learned counsel appearing for the State of Himachal Pradesh and Mr. Shubhendu Anand, the learned counsel appearing for the Union of India.

6. The respondents shall treat this Writ Petition as a representation and look into the reliefs which have been prayed for in this petition.

7. We are informed that the Committee is to meet on 25-4-2025 for the purpose of deciding various claims of the displaced persons.

8. We dispose of the Writ Petition with a direction that the Committee shall look into the representation and shall decide the same expeditiously in accordance with law.

9. Whatever decision is taken by the Committee, the same shall be communicated in writing to the petitioner.

(VISHAL ANAND)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)