

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
AT SRINAGAR

CMP no. 31/2012

Date of order: 23.10.2018

Court on its own motion

v.

State of J&K & anr.

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE.
HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ALOK ARADHE, JUDGE.

Appearance:

For the applicant(s) : Ms. Farah Bashir, Advocate vice
Mr. B. A. Bashir, Sr. Advocate
For the Respondent(s) : Mr. Asif Ahmad Bhat, AAG

i)	Whether approved for reporting in Law journals etc.:	Yes/No
ii)	Whether approved for publication in press:	Yes/No

1. Pursuant to the order dated 9th July, 2012, directing the State Government to frame schemes for welfare and benefit of vulnerable girls, the State Government filed a report with regard to the formulation of two schemes being HUNAR and J&K State Marriage Assistance Scheme (SMAS). This Court has been monitoring the working of these Schemes. Reports regarding the working of these Schemes stand filed. However, for the past three/four months, no report has been received. The respondents shall ensure that position with regard to the working of these Schemes is made clear and report filed in terms of the orders dated 15th of July, 2017.

2. Additionally, we direct the Member Secretary to the J&K Legal Services Authority to cause random inspection(s) to be done in various districts and

inform this Court with regard to the working of these Schemes. The Member Secretary shall obtain reports from the District Legal Services Authorities with regard to the publicity which has been given to these Schemes in various parts of the Jammu and Kashmir; awareness regarding these Schemes and the list of girls who actually avail the benefits thereunder.

3. We have also recorded a detailed order on 15.10.2018 regarding the need for Legislation on the issue of exploitation of girls who are compelled by the persons in authority to advance sexual favours for discharge of ordinary functions.

4. Let a report with regard to the steps taken in pursuance to the observations noted by us in our order dated 15.10.2018 be also filed by the respondents before the next date of hearing.

5. Let a copy of order dated 15.10.2018 and the order recorded today be made available to learned counsel for the parties under the seal and signature of Bench Secretary.

6. List on 28th November, 2018.

(ALOK ARADHE)
JUDGE

(GITA MITTAL)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Srinagar
23.10.2018
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