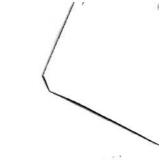
In the Supreme Court of India Writ Petition (Civil) No. 382 of 2013



IN THE MATTER OF:

INDEPENDENT THOUGHT

...Petitioner

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondent

AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(UNION OF 119DIA)

I Manoj Kumar Prabhat S/o Shri Dukhan Mahto aged about 45 years, working as Under Secretary with Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India having office at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on the basis of records as under:

That with reference to this writ petition, the Ministry of
 Women and Child Development has been informed through



(প্ৰনাত দুদাৰ স্থান)
(MANOJ KUMAR PRABHAT)
সক্ষ প্ৰিদ/Under Secretary
কৰিব (Under Secretary
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আৰু বিশ্বনাত (Under Secretary
)

D.No.4669/2013/SC/PIL(W), dated 10/08/17 (received in this Ministry on 17/08/17), from Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India marked to Union of India, Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legislative Affairs and Union of India, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development. The letter refers to Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 09/08/2017, wherein the UOI was directed to inform the Hon'ble Court about number of Child Marriage Prohibition Officers (CMPOs) appointed under the provisions of Child Marriage Prohibition Act; 2006 and the number of prosecutions that have been instituted over the last three years.

- 2. That it is informed that in the order dated 09/08/2017 the above mentioned directions have been made to Union of India and there is no reference about Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- That it is vide D.No.4669/2013/SC/PIL(W), dated 10/08/17
 (received in this Ministry on 17/08/17), this Ministry was informed



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and directed to furnish information related to number of CMPOs and prosecutions under Child Marriage Prohibition Act, 2006.

- 4. That it is informed that this Ministry has taken note of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and has requested States/UTs vide its letter No.25/116/2017-WW(I), dated 17/08/17 and 24/08/17 to provide the desired information. Letters annexed as Annexure-A.
- 5. That this Ministry is trying to seek the desired information from the concerned State Governments and UTs. Presently, this Ministry has received information from 10 States/UTs and the same is annexed as Annexure-B.
- 6. That the information related to cases registered/prosecutions held under Child Marriage Prohibition Act, 2006 as per information obtained from National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) vide UO No.STT(200)/CII-data Supply/205/2017/ NCRB through Ministry of Home Affairs is Annexed as Annexure-C.



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7. That this Ministry has been making rigorous efforts to collect requisite complete information related to Child Marriage Prohibition Officers (CMPOs) under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 from all the States /UTs. Therefore, it is requested that this Ministry may be given six weeks time to furnish consolidated information.

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DEPONENT

(मनोज सुमार प्रमात)
(MANOJ KUMAR PRABHAT)
अयर सचिव/Under Secretary
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महिला एवं बाल विकास चन्नालय
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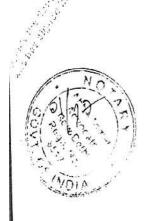
Verification

I, the above named deponent do hereby verify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge based on records and no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at New Delhi, on 26th day of August, 2017.

DEPONENT

(প্ৰলাজ ন্দ্ৰন্থ সুধার)
(MANOJ KUMAR PRABHAT)
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Most Urgent Court Matter

No.25/116/2017-WW(I) Government of India Ministry of Women & Child Development (Women Welfare Division)

> A-Wing, Room No. 313 Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-1 Dated: 17th August, 2017

To,

The Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (All the States/UTs)

Subject: Writ Petition(Civil) No.382/2013 Independence Thought Vs. Union of India

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Writ Petition (Civil) No.382/2013 in the case of Independence Thought Vs. Union of India (copy enclosed). The Hon'ble Supreme Court, while hearing the said W.15 has desired to know the number of Child Marriage Prohibition Officer that have been appointed in the country under the Provision of the Child Marriage Prohibition Act, 2006 and the number of Prosecutions that have been instituted over the last three year under this Act. In addition to this, it has also been requested to furnish the number of prosecutions that have been instituted over the last three years under this Act.

- In view of above, it is requested to furnish the requisite information to this . Ministry at the earliest so that a consolidated response may be submitted before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- This may be treated as urgent.

Encl. As above.

Yours faithfully,

(M. K. Prabhat)

Under Secretary to the Government of India Tel.: 011-23381970

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DO No.25/116/2017-WW(I)

Date: 24th August, 2017

Dear h. Senday,

Please refer to this Ministry letter of even number dated 17th August, 2017 seeking information on the number of Child Marriage Prohibition officers appointed in the country.

- 2. The Hon'ble Supreme Court, while hearing the W.P (Civil) No.382/2013 in the matter of Independent Thought Vs. Union of India has desired to know the number of Child Marriage Prohibition Officer that have been appointed in the country under the Provision of the Child Marriage Prohibition Act. 2006 and the number of Prosecutions that have been instituted over the last three year under this Act.
- 3. I shall be grateful, if you kindly look into the matter personally and furnish the requisite information to the Ministry immediately. This matter is Time bound since the case is listed for the 31 8 2017.

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Yours sincerely.

(Chetan B. Sanghi)

To.

The Principal Secretary (All States/UTs)

Statement showing the number of Child Marriage Prohibition Officers

Sl. No	State/UT	No. of Child Marriage Prohibition Officers
1.	Haryana	21
2.	Punjab	82 (SDMs are appointed as CMPOs)
3.	Uttarakhand	13 (District Programme Officers)
4	Tamilnadu	32 (District Social Welfare Officers
5.	Telangana	19,202 (District Collector) Revenue Divisional Officer, Sub- collector, Child Development Project Officers, Tehsildars, ICDS Supervisors, Panchayat Secretaries, Village Administrative Officers- Revenue Department).
6.	Chandigarh	3 (SDMs)
7.	Madhya Pradesh	51 (DMs)
8.	Uttar Pradesh	75 (DPOs/CDPOs)
9.	Jharkhand :	264 (BDOs)
10.	Chattisgarh	247 (DPOs, DWCDO, CDPOs)

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Subject:

Data on the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 - reg.

Ministry of Home Affairs may please refer their D.O. No. 10/13/2013-Judicial Cell-Lated 11th August, 2017 on the above mentioned subject. :

In this connection, State/UT-wise cases registered, persons arrested, cases chargesheeted, persons chargesheeted, cases convicted and persons convicted under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act. 2006 during 2014-2016 is enclosed as Annexure – I.

It is mentioned that data on health of girls who are married at the age of 15 to 18 years and number of Child Marriage Prohibition Officers that have been instituted under this Act is not maintained by the Bureau separately.

This issues with the approval of Director, NCRB

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(एम. राजकुमार\ M. Rajakumar)

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U.O. No. STT(200)/CII-data Supply/205/2017/NCRB

Dated:14.08.2017