

ITEM NO.31

COURT NO.2

SECTION PIL-W

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 S

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).1003/2021

THE TEMPLE OF HEALING

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

(WITH IA No. 111814/2021 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON)

Date : 26-08-2022 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. BOPANNA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA

For Petitioner(s) Dr. Piyush Saxena, Petitioner-in-person  
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

- 1 These proceedings under Article 32 of the Constitution highlight the deficiencies in the process which has been formulated for adoptions in the country.
- 2 The request of the petitioner is that the adoption procedure may be simplified by taking steps on the ground.

- 3 We have heard Dr Piyush Saxena, who appears in person.
- 4 Mr K M Nataraj, Additional Solicitor General, states that the Union Government is seized of the issue and would require six weeks' time to consult all stake holders so that the process can be simplified.
- 5 Since the petitioner has concrete suggestions in that regard, we request the Secretary in the Ministry of Women and Child Department to depute a sufficiently senior and responsible officer to hold a meeting with the petitioner so that the suggestions which are made by the petitioner can be duly considered. A multi-stakeholder consultation shall also be carried out. This exercise shall be completed within a period of four weeks. Thereafter, the Court shall be apprised on affidavit of the steps, which have been taken by the Union Government for simplifying the procedure for adoption, while, at the same time, ensuring that all relevant concerns and the public interest in protecting the welfare and safety of children are duly taken care of.
- 6 List the petition on 30 September 2022.

**(SANJAY KUMAR-I)**  
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