ITEM NO.38 COURT NO.1 SECTION PIL-W

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 770/2026

SARIKA TYAGI & ORS. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondent(s)

(IA No. 272115/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 183464/2026 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION and IA No. 212803/2026 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. In deference to the previous orders passed by this Court, 16 States and High Courts are reported to have filed compliance reports. Some more parties have handed over their status reports and compliance affidavits in Court.

2. At the outset, the learned Attorney General for India states that he is in regular communication with the various States and Union Territories through their respective Advocates General or Standing Counsel. He proposes to place on record a comprehensive report compiling the amenities and facilities that each State Government, Union Territory Administration, and High Court has provided and is required to provide to women members of the Bar, in accordance with the directions already issued by this Court.

3. We further emphasise that all State Governments/UTs and High

Courts are obligated to ensure that, wherever women members of the Bar practise in District Courts and Sub-Divisional (Taluka) Courts, a separate and exclusive Women's Bar Room must be provided, irrespective of their strength. The space so provided may be proportionate to the number of women members of the Bar and shall include basic amenities, such as washrooms. Accordingly, we direct all State Governments/UT Administrations to allocate the necessary funds and land, as may be required. Furthermore, the respective 'Building and Infrastructure Committees' of the High Courts are directed to address this issue as a priority and see to the requisite facilities being established in all District Courts and Taluka Courts.

4. We have also impressed upon the learned Advocates General for all States and the Standing Counsel for the Union Territories to submit their progress reports to the office of the learned Attorney General for India to enable him to compile and submit the same before this Court.

5. It goes without saying that the pattern of basic amenities and facilities should preferably be uniform across all States and Union Territories.

6. Learned senior counsel for the petitioners as well as the intervenors shall be at liberty to give their suggestions to the learned Attorney General for India. If such suggestions pertain to any State-specific matters, we request the learned Attorney General to refer the same to the Advocate General concerned, who shall then take up the matter with the State Government and ensure adequate compliance with the directions of this Court.

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