ITEM NO.54   COURT NO.1   SECTION PIL-W

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SUO MOTO WRIT (CRIMINAL) NO.1/2019

IN RE: ALARMING RISE IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED CHILD RAPE INCIDENTS

Date : 15-07-2019 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :
                    HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
                    HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

                    Mr. V. Giri, Sr. Adv. (A.C.)
                    Ms. Svadha Shankar, Adv.
                    Mr. Amith Krishan, Adv.
                    Mr. Muthucharan, Adv.
                    Ms. Suvine Bhagat, Adv.

For Petitioner(s)
                     By Courts Motion, AOR

For Respondent(s)

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

            We have heard Shri V. Giri, learned Amicus Curiae,
    who has taken us through the provisions of the Protection of
    Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, (for short, 'the
    POCSO Act') and has submitted that the provisions of the
    POCSO Act need to be strictly implemented at all stages,
    commencing from the stage of investigation and the different
    facets of the trial. Shri Giri submitted that it would be
    convenient to make his suggestions in writing with regard to
    the guidelines/directions that should be issued by the Court

once he is able to collate all the relevant facts which would require coordination of the Registries of the various High Courts.

We request Shri Giri to proceed with the exercise, to facilitate which, we direct Shri Surinder S. Rathi, Registrar of this Court to work in association with Shri Giri's office and get the required information which would be in the context of the total number of POCSO cases pending in each district of the country. The period for which the POCSO cases remained pending may also be collected separately. This exercise shall commence from today and be completed within ten days, whereafter the matter will be listed before us again on 25th July, 2019. Mr. Rathi will be at liberty to work in tandem with the Secretaries of the Juvenile Justice Committees of different High Courts to receive necessary information.

List the matter on 25th July, 2019.

        (Chetan Kumar)   (Anand Prakash)
         A.R.-cum-P.S.   Court Master