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Justice Gita Mittal (Retd)
Chairperson
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(Re: Personal documents of the Displaced persons)

Most respectfully showeth:

1. Keeping in view the urgency of the matters noted by this Hon'ble Court in the order dated 07.08.2023, the Committee constituted by this order convened an urgent meeting via video conferencing on the 12.08.2023 (Copy of Minutes enclosed as **Annexure-I** hereto). Amongst the several gaps which could impact benefit of relief and rehabilitation measures reaching the persons effected and displaced by the

violence in Manipur, the first and foremost difficulty would be non-availability of documents for identification.

These documents would include **Aadhaar cards**. Other documents could include **election cards/driving licenses/ration cards/BPL cards** etc.

2. It is widely reported in the media that the properties of the displaced persons stand permanently destroyed.
3. Enquiries made have revealed that out of all the above documents, the process of obtaining a copy of the Aadhaar Card may be the simplest. This is given the fact that the **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has available all necessary information in digital format. Even biometrics of the concerned individual are reportedly stored. According to the website of the UIDAI i.e. www.uidai.gov.in and <https://myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in/retrieve-eid-uid>, only the name and the mobile number or the email address of the person concerned is required to be filled into the form which is available on the website. The Authority informs the details of the Aadhaar number to the given number.
4. Disbursements of benefits under any Government schemes, including of compensation, are being effected only through **bank accounts**. The displaced persons would also not be

having records of their bank accounts which would also delay disbursement of these benefits.

5. Specially abled persons additionally need valid **Disability Certificates** for grant of special benefits which certificates are issued by the Health Department, Government of Manipur. These certificates may also have got lost/destroyed in the displacement on account of the violence in Manipur.

In view of the above, the Committee as above seeks urgent directions as hereafter:

- (i) Direct the **Deputy Director General, Unique Identification Authority of India, Regional Office, Guwahati** (the concerned office) as well as the **Secretary, Department of Home Affairs, Manipur** to jointly take all steps to ensure availability of the Aadhaar Card to the displaced persons whose records are available with the Aadhaar Authorities;
- (ii) Direct the **Secretary, Department of Finance** to issue appropriate instructions to all **Banks** in the effected parts of Manipur to make available the details of the bank accounts held by the displaced persons to them. If necessary, the **Banks** should depute responsible staff members to visit the relief camps and interact with the displaced persons, ensuring continuity of banking service to them.

- (iii) Direct the **Secretary, Department of Health, Government of Manipur** to take all urgent steps for issuing the **Disability Certificates/Duplicates** of Disability Certificates to Specially abled persons in the relief camps immediately. The authorities may consider and direct any modification in the process keeping in view the prevalent facts and circumstances.
- (iv) Pass any other/further order(s) as may be deemed fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

**(Committee Appointed vide
Orders dated 7th August, 2023)**


through
Justice Gita Mittal (Retd)
Chairperson

Date: **16.08.2023**

Encls: As above.

COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE ORDER DATED 07.08.2023
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MEMBER

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CHAIRPERSON

JUSTICE ASHA MENON
(RETD.)
MEMBER

MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 12.08.2023 AT 3:00 P.M. ON
VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present:

Justice Gita Mittal	... Chairperson
Justice Shalini P. Joshi	... Member
Justice Asha Menon	... Member

1. The Committee has deliberated over the mandate of the order passed by the Supreme Court of India which has been publicized on the social media. Formal order has been received only by Justice Shalini P. Joshi.
2. The meeting has been convened keeping in view the urgency of the matters. The Committee has discussed the provisions of the Manipur Victim Compensation Scheme, 2019 ("Scheme" hereafter) and finds several gaps which need to be urgently addressed to ensure that the object of the Scheme is achieved so far as the victims of the violence in Manipur are concerned. The Committee decides to submit a report to the Supreme Court of India and seek appropriate directions in this regard.
3. In order to ascertain identification of the victims, documents such as Aadhar cards/election cards/driving licenses/ration cards/BPL cards etc. are essential.

The Committee takes note of the fact that disbursement of the benefits under not only this Scheme but also under Schemes of the Government of India/State Governments is effected only through bank accounts.

Given the circumstances in which the citizens of Manipur were compelled to flee homes, that homes and belongings stand burnt/destroyed as per media reports, the Committee notes that the victims/persons affected by the violence which includes victims of crimes, would not be possessing such records.

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In order to ensure expeditious receipt of the benefits of all schemes, even while the process of determination of entitlements is commenced, the competent authorities must take immediate steps for enabling completion of the afore noticed documents as well as make available the bank records and details of the accounts to the holders.

The Committee decides to seek appropriate directions from the Supreme Court of India in this regard.

4. The Committee has also learnt that the persons affected by the violence, includes a large number of disabled persons who were earlier holding **disability certificates** which have been similarly lost. Urgent directions are needed to be given to the competent authorities in Manipur to go out into the field, ensure that the process of issuance of the disability certificates is completed and certificates issued to all persons entitled to the same.
5. Before deciding further action, the Committee proposes to hold a stakeholders' meeting to understand the points of view and obtain information on the position as subsists regarding the issues which are the subject matter of the mandate of the Committee.

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Justice Shalini P. Joshi (Retd.)
(Member)

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Chairperson

Asha Menon

Justice Asha Menon (Retd.)
(Member)