

ITEM NO.301

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-D

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A**  
**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Criminal Appeal No.1425/2025

AMIT KUMAR & ORS.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

[ ONLY IA NOS. 95104/2026, 95105/2026 & 156821/2026 ARE LISTED  
UNDER THIS ITEM ].....[ TO BE TAKEN UP AFTER THE PRONOUNCEMENT  
OF JUDGMENT ]

IA No. 95105/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

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IA No. 156821/2026 - EXTENSION OF TIME

Date : 27-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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

I.A.NO.156821/2026

1. We heard Ms.Aparna Bhat, the learned Amicus and Mr. K.M Nataraj the learned ASG appearing for the Union of India.
2. Time up to 31.10.2026, as prayed for, the purpose of filing the final report on behalf of the National Task Force is granted.
3. The status report on behalf of the National Task Force is ordered to be taken on record.

4. I.A.No.156821/2026 is allowed, accordingly.

IA.NO.95104 of 2026

5. We heard Ms. Aparna Bhat, the learned Amicus, and Mr. K.M Nataraj, the learned ASG, appearing for the Union of India.

6. We permit the National Task Force to publish the interim report submitted before this Court on official portal of the Nation Task Force at <https://ntf.education.gov.in/>.

7. I.A.NO.95104 of 2026 is allowed, accordingly.

I.A.NO.95105 of 2026

8. We heard Ms.Aparna Bhat, the learned Amicus and Mr. K.M Nataraj, the learned ASG, appearing for the Union of India.

9. In this application, the following Interim reliefs have been prayed for:-

- "a. Direct the States/ UTs as mentioned in Paragraph 4 of this application to furnish the information sought by the NTF within (one) week from the date of listing of this application, as detailed in Annexure A-1;*
- b. Direct the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to appoint Nodal Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary within 3 days from the date of listing of this application;*
- c. Direct the Union Territory of Puducherry to ensure immediate furnishing of information and co-ordination with the National Task Force within 3 days from the date of listing of this application;*
- d. Pass such other or further order(s) as*

*this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the present case."*

10. We regret to note that despite repeated communications and follow ups the following States/ Union Territories have failed to furnish the requisite information which is impeding the progress of the National Task Force:-

| "4.    | xxx                         | xxx             | xxx                                                                                |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S. No. | State / UT                  | Date of Meeting | Dates on which Reminders were sent                                                 |
| 1.     | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 09.12.2025      | 02.01.2026; 21.01.2026; 18.02.2026; 26.02.2026; 05.03.2026                         |
| 2.     | Assam                       | 12.11.2025      | 28.11.2025; 21.01.2026; 17.02.2026; 18.02.2026; 24.02.2026; 26.02.2026; 05.03.2026 |
| 3.     | Bihar                       | 16.01.2025      | 21.01.2026; 18.02.2026; 24.02.2026; 25.02.2026 05.03.2026                          |
| 4.     | Himachal Pradesh            | 12.12.2025      | 02.01.2026; 18.02.2026; 24.02.2026; 26.02.2026; 05.03.2026                         |
| 5.     | Kerala                      | 18.11.2025      | 03.01.2026; 18.02.2026; 24.02.2026; 25.02.2026; 05.03.2026                         |
| 6.     | Meghalaya                   | 21.11.2025      | 21.02.2026; 18.02.2026; 05.03.2026                                                 |
| 7.     | Mizoram                     | 08.01.2026      | 18.02.2026; 26.02.2026; 05.03.2026                                                 |
| 8.     | Nagaland                    | 07.01.2026      | 21.01.2026; 17.02.2026; 18.02.2026; 05.03.2026                                     |
| 9.     | Odisha                      | 12.12.2025      | 02.01.2026; 21.01.2026; 18.02.2026; 26.02.2026; 05.03.2026                         |

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| 10. | Rajasthan     | 09.12.2025 | 02.01.2026 ;18.02.2026;<br>26.02.2026; 05.03.2026; |
| 11. | Telangana     | 10.12.2025 | 21.01.2026, 18.02.2026;<br>26.02.2026; 05.03.2026  |
| 12. | Uttar Pradesh | 24.12.2025 | 21.01.2026; 18.02.2026;<br>26.02.2026; 05.03.2026  |

*5. It is further submitted that meetings of the National Task Force with the Union Territories of Puducherry and Jammu & Kashmir are yet to be convened. It is submitted that with respect to the Union Territory of Puducherry, the details of the newly appointed Nodal Officer were made available on 11.02.2026, pursuant to which the said Nodal Officer was duly contacted by the National Task Force; however, no response has been received till date, thereby obstructing the scheduling of the meeting and impeding the consultative process. In respect of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, the designated Nodal Officer has superannuated on 31.12.2025 and no new Nodal Officer has been appointed/appointment has been communicated to the National Task Force till date, resulting in a complete lack of coordination and engagement with the National Task Force."*

11. At this stage, the learned Amicus and Mr. Nataraj, the learned ASG, brought to our notice that the State of Rajasthan and the State of Nagaland, respectively have provided the requisite information.

12. The other States referred to above are granted six weeks

time to furnish the relevant and requisite information to the National Task Force without fail, failing which we shall be compelled to ask the respective Chief Secretaries of the concerned State/Union Territory to personally remain present before this Court.

13. We direct the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to appoint the Nodal Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary within one week from today.

14. We also direct the Union Territory of Puducherry to ensure immediate furnishing of information and coordination with the National Task Force within a period of one week from today.

15. Registry shall inform about this order to the respective States and the Union Territories mentioned in Para 10 at the earliest.

16. List this matter on 24.07.2026 at 2.00 P.M.

17. I.A. No. 246074/2025 shall also be listed on the next date of hearing, i.e., 24.07.2026 at 2.00 P.M.

(CHANDRESH)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)