OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
SHAHDARA DISTRICT, KARKARDOOMA COURTS, DELHI

ORDER

In compliance to the Order dated 06.01.2026 in case titled Geeta Rani Vs Union Of India of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India bearing D.No. 69776/2025/Sec-x, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi dated 07.01.2026 received vide Office endorsement no. 7143-7168/Misc(Genl)/Gaz/20526 dated 02.02.2026, in partial modification of the earlier order no. 11351-11374/Judl/SHD/KKD/2025/Delhi dated 08.12.2025, the following Committee is re-constituted and re-designated afresh in Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi :

S.NO.	NAME OF THE COMMITTEE EARLIER DESIGNATED	NAME OF THE COMMITTEE NEWLY DESIGNATED	NAME OF THE JUDICIAL OFFICERS/OFFICIALS	DESIGNATION
1	COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE COMPLAINTS TO THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT AGAINST THE WOMEN EMPLOYEES	**COMMITTEE ON GENDER SENSITISATION AS WELL AS COMMITTEE FOR TAKING ACTION IN THE MATTERS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AND THE TRANSGENDER PERSONS**	1. MS. CHARU AGGARWAL, ASJ ECOURT	CHAIRPERSON
			2. MS. SURABHI SHARMA VATS, ASJ	MEMBER
			3. MS. SANGHMITRA, JMFC	MEMBER
			4. MS ANUSHTHA SRIVASTAVA, JMFC	MEMBER
			5. MS. ANU, READER IN THE COURT OF SH. SAMEER BAJPAI, ASJ, J.A. (EMP CODE : 24639132)	MEMBER
			6. MS. L. .SITA, FOUNDER PRESIDENT, SAIRASS, B-2, KAKATEEYA, 86, I.P. EXTN, PATPATGANJ, DELHI- 110092, MOBILE 91-9013550647, 91-9868145541	MEMBER

Rest of the conditions mentioned in the above mentioned order of this office shall remain the same. However, any correspondence with the Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge (H.Qs) and the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi shall be done only through the undersigned.

Sanjay Garg

(SANJAY GARG-II)
Principal District & Sessions Judge
Shahdara District, KKD, Delhi

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No_____/Judl./SHD./KKD/2026/Delhi, **Dated :** 07/02/2026

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2. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs), Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
3. The Concerned Judicial Officers.
4. All the Judicial Officers of Shahdara District, KKD, Delhi.
5. The Chairperson, VWDC, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
6. The OIC Computer Branch, General Branch, Care Taking Branch Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
7. The Judge In-charge, Mediation Cell, Karkardooma courts, Delhi.
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12. The Administrative Civil Judge, Shahdara District, KKD Courts, Delhi.
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14. The A.O. (Judl.)/Incharge, all Branches Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
15. PS to the undersigned.
16. The Website Committee, Karkardooma Courts/Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
17. Dealing Assistant R&I, Shahdara to upload the same on LAYERS.

Sanjay Garg

Principal District & Sessions Judge
Shahdara District, KKD, Delhi

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Fwd: Constitution of Committee on gender sensitization as well as committee for taking action in the matter of Sexual Harassment of women and Transgender persons at all levels

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE (HQs) : DELHI

No. 7143—7168/Misc.(Genl)/Gaz/2026 Dated 02 FEB 2026

Sub:-Constitution of Committee on Gender Sensitization as well as Committee for taking action in the matter of Sexual Harassment of women and Transgender persons at all levels.

Copy along with its enclosures forwarded for information & necessary action to the following and also requested to kindly send the requisite information to this office positively by 07.02.2026 at email id judicialbranch9@gmail.com for onward transmission to the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi/New Delhi.

1. The Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge, all court complexes, Delhi/New Delhi/ RACC.
2. The Officer In-Charge, Administration Branch-I-II-III (Central), Tis Hazari Courts Delhi.
3. The Principal Judge, Family Courts (HQs), Dwarka, Delhi, with the request to kindly send the consolidated report in the above-mentioned subject matter.
4. The Member Secretary, Delhi State Legal Service Authority, RACC, New Delhi, with the request to kindly send the consolidated report in the above-mentioned subject matter.
5. The Director, Delhi Judicial Academy, Dwarka, Delhi/New Delhi.
6. The President/Secretary, Bar Association of all court complexes, Delhi/New Delhi.

Note :-The requisite information may kindly be furnished within a stipulate time period, as a report on the above subject matter is required to be placed before the Hon'ble Court.

2.2.2026

(RAJESH KUMAR GOEL)
District Judge (Comm.Court-02)
Officer In-Charge Judicial Branch, Central
For Principal District &Sessions Judge (HQs)
Delhi

Encl: as above

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D. No. 69776/2025 /SEC-X
SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
NEW DELHI
07th January, 2026

From:
The Assistant Registrar,
Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.

To,

1 UNION OF INDIA,
THROUGH THE SECRETARY MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, SHASTRI BHAWAN,
DISTRICT- NEW DELHI, DELHI - 110001
PID: 4004/2026 FOR R[1] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

2 BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA,
THROUGH ITS CHAIRMAN 21, ROUSE AVENUE INSTITUTIONAL AREA NEW DELHI- 110002,
PID: 4005/2026 FOR R[2] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

3 UNION OF INDIA,
THROUGH THE SECRETARY MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI- 110001,
PID: 4006/2026 FOR R[3] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

4 BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA,
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5 HIGH COURT OF ALLAHABAD,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL ALLAHABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 210001
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6 HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH,
THR THE REGISTRAR AMARAVATI,
ANDHRA PRADESH - 522237
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7 HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY,
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8 HIGH COURT OF CALCUTTA,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL KOLKATA,
WEST BENGAL - 700001
PID: 4011/2026 FOR R[8] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

9 HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL BILASPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 495001
PID: 4012/2026 FOR R[9] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

10 HIGH COURT OF DELHI,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL SHER SHAH ROAD,
DELHI - 110503
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11 HIGH COURT OF GAUHATI,
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PID: 4014/2026 FOR R[11] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

12 HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT - 380060
PID: 4015/2026 FOR R[12] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

13 HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL SHIMLA, HIMACHAL PRADESH - 171001
PID: 4016/2026 FOR R[13] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

14 HIGH COURT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR AND LADAKH,
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15 HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND,
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JHARKHAND - 834001
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16 HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL BENGALURU,
KARNATAKA - 560001
PID: 4019/2026 FOR R[16] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

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13 JAN 2026
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ITEM NO.15 COURT NO.1 SECTION X

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

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).1245/2025

GEETA RANI Petitioner(s)

VERSUS 26002664

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondent(s)

Date : 06-01-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

For Petitioner(s) : Mrs. Sonia Mathur, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Reepak Kansal, Adv.
Mr. Nikhil Chandra Jaiswal, Adv.
Ms. Subhi Bhardwaj, Adv.
Ms. Safeena Khan, Adv.
Ms. Manasi Sridhar, Adv.
Mrs. Geeta Jain, Adv.
Ms. Ruhi Gupta, Adv.
Mr. Pravir Choudhary, AOR

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Assistant Registrar(Judl.)
Supreme Court of India

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Issue notice, returnable on 09.03.2026.

2. The Registrar Generals of the High Courts are directed to file their respective status reports as to whether the Committee on gender sensitisation as well as Committee for taking action in the matters of sexual harassment of women and the transgender persons have been constituted in the High Court/District Courts/Subordinate Courts and other allied Courts as well as in the Bar Associations at all level.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

25 HIGH COURT OF RAJASTHAN,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL JODHPUR,
RAJASTHAN - 342001

PID: 4946/2026 FOR R[25] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

26 HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
GANGTOK,
SIKKIM - 737101

PID: 4947/2026 FOR R[26] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

27 HIGH COURT OF TELANGANA,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
HYDERABAD,
TELANGANA - 500066

PID: 4948/2026 FOR R[27] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

28 HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
AGARTHALA,
TRIPURA - 799001

PID: 4949/2026 FOR R[28] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

29 HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL NAINITAL,
UTTARAKHAND - 263002

PID: 4950/2026 FOR R[29] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

WHEREAS the Writ Petition above-mentioned was filed in this Registry by Mr. PRAVIR CHOUDHARY, Advocate for the petitioner above-named (copy is enclosed);

AND WHEREAS the said Writ Petition above-mentioned was listed before this Hon'ble Court on 06th January, 2026, when the Court passed the following Order:

" 1. Issue notice, returnable on 09.03.2026.

2. The Registrar Generals of the High Courts are directed to file their respective status reports as to whether the Committee on gender sensitisation as well as Committee for taking action in the matters of sexual harassment of women and the transgender persons have been constituted in the High Court/District Courts/Subordinate Courts and other allied Courts as well as in the Bar Associations at all level."

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the Writ Petition above-mentioned will be posted for hearing before this Court on the 09th March, 2026 at 10.30 A.M. or so soon thereafter as may be convenient to the Court for Orders, when you may appear before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record duly appointed by you and show cause to the Court as to why *rule nisi* in terms of the prayer of the writ petition should not be issued .

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in default of your appearance the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

Dated :08th January, 2026

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Copy to :-

1 Mr. Pravir Choudhary (adv.)
New Delhi , Delhi

2. Mr. Arvind Kr. Sharm, Standing Counsel for the Union of India

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SYNOPSIS AND LIST OF DATES

The present Writ Petition under Article 32 of the Constitution of India is filed by a woman lawyer practicing before various courts across the country, seeking enforcement of her fundamental rights to equality, dignity and a safe working environment within court premises. The Petitioner seeks appropriate directions to ensure that all High Courts, District Courts, Tribunals and other judicial or quasi-judicial bodies establish effective internal mechanisms for prevention and redressal of incidents of harassment against women lawyers, interns, litigants and other court users.

This Hon'ble Court has already taken proactive steps by constituting the Gender Sensitization and Internal Complaints Committee (GSICC) within the Supreme Court of India for members of the Bar and all stakeholders. However, no similar uniform structure exists across High Courts, District Courts, Tribunals or Bar Associations, resulting in a vacuum in institutional protection for women.

Women lawyers, law interns, litigants and visitors regularly interact within the court system and are entitled to a safe environment that upholds their right to dignity and equal participation in the administration of

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	safeguard women's rights.
2015	This Hon'ble Court constituted the Gender Sensitization and Internal Complaints Committee (GSICC) for the Supreme Court premises, establishing a model institutional framework for protection of women lawyers, employees, interns and litigants within court spaces. Copy of Gender Sensitization and Sexual Harassment of Women at Supreme Court (Prevention Prohibition and Redressal) Guidelines, 2015 (P
03.12.2025	Due to widespread non-implementation of constitutionally required gender-protection mechanisms across judicial institutions, and absence of any effective alternative remedy, the Petitioner approached this Hon'ble Court under Article 32.

23. **High Court of Patna**
Through the Registrar General,
Patna, Bihar – 800028.

24. **High Court of Punjab & Haryana**
Through the Registrar General,
Chandigarh – 160001.

25. **High Court of Rajasthan**
Through the Registrar General,
Jodhpur, Rajasthan – 342001.

26. **High Court of Sikkim**
Through the Registrar General,
Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101.

27. **High Court of Telangana**
Through the Registrar General,
Hyderabad, Telangana – 500066.

28. **High Court of Tripura**
Through the Registrar General,
Agartala, Tripura – 799001.

29. **High Court of Uttarakhand**
Through the Registrar General,
Nainital, Uttarakhand – 263002.

....Contesting Respondents

To

Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India

and His Companion Justices of

The Supreme Court of India;

is contrary to constitutional principles of equality, dignity and non-discrimination.

8.3 Because, this Hon'ble Court itself has established the Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee (GSICC) to protect women within the Supreme Court premises. The absence of similar structures in High Courts, District Courts and Tribunals results in unequal treatment of women lawyers across judicial institutions and violates Article 14. A constitutional standard available within the Supreme Court must extend to every court of justice in the country.

8.4 Because, in Vishaka v. State of Rajasthan (1997) and Medha Kotwal Lele v. Union of India (2013), this Hon'ble Court mandated that all institutions, including courts, must establish effective mechanisms for preventing and redressing incidents of sexual harassment. Non-compliance by judicial institutions defeats binding constitutional guidelines and undermines the very framework evolved by this Hon'ble Court to safeguard women's rights to dignity and safe workplaces.

8.5 Because, the right to practice the legal profession under Article 19(1)(g) includes the right to work in

a. Issue writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, directing all High Courts, District Courts, Tribunals, Commissions and other judicial or quasi-judicial bodies across India to constitute Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committees (GSICCs) or equivalent independent mechanisms, in line with the standards adopted by this Hon'ble Court for the Supreme Court premises.

b. Issue writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, directing all High Courts to ensure that such Committees are properly constituted, independent, notified, functional and accessible, with inclusion of an external member, transparent procedure, and adequate representation of women.

c. Issue writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, directing all High Courts to exercise their administrative and supervisory jurisdiction under Articles 227 and 235 of the Constitution to ensure that all District Courts, subordinate courts and Tribunals under their control establish and operationalise such committees.

VERIFICATION

Verified at Delhi on this 3rd December, 2025 that the contents of the paragraphs in the above affidavit from para 1 to 4 are true and correct to my knowledge and belief. Nothing is false and nothing material has been concealed there from.

Geeta Rani
Deponent

ix. The Internal Sub-Committee will not be precluded from taking cognisance of any new fact, or evidence which may arise, during the pendency of the inquiry proceedings, relating to the Complaint.

x. The Internal Sub-Committee shall have the right to summon the aggrieved woman, the Respondent, and/or any witnesses for the purpose of recording any supplementary testimony and/or clarifications, if considered necessary.

xi. The Member Secretary may permit inspection of the original documents filed, after prior intimation of three days by any of the parties. The concerned parties will not be permitted to take the original documents outside the office of the Member- Secretary.

xii. The aggrieved woman, or the Respondent, may submit a list of interrogatories. The Internal Sub-Committee shall have the right to disallow any questions that it has reason to believe to be irrelevant, mischievous, or gender-insensitive.

[redacted]Internal Sub-Committee may Proceed Ex-parte or Recommend Termination of Proceedings

The Internal Sub-Committee shall have the right to proceed ex-parte if the circumstances so warrant. In the event of the Respondent refusing to appear before the Internal Sub-Committee for three consecutive hearings, without valid justifiable ground, the Internal Sub-Committee shall proceed ex-parte against the Respondent on the basis of the material available before it.

The Internal Sub-Committee may recommend termination of proceedings to the GSICC if it comes to the conclusion that the Complaint is devoid of any truth, or has been frivolously instituted.

Provided that prior to the termination of the proceedings, or proceeding ex-parte, the parties would be intimated of the same by a written communication.

[redacted]Completion of Inquiry

The Internal Sub-Committee shall take all necessary steps to conduct and complete the fact finding inquiry within a period of 90 days of the constitution of the Internal Sub-Committee as per Regulation 9(3).

[redacted]Recommendation to the GSICC

i. After the fact finding inquiry is concluded by the Internal Sub-Committee, it shall submit a report containing reasons for its findings to the GSICC. In the event, that the Internal Sub-Committee concludes that the allegations against the Respondent have been proved, it shall recommend to the GSICC to be take appropriate action for gender discrimination and/or sexual harassment.

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HIGH COURT OF DELHI : NEW DELHI

No. 301 /G-10/Genl.-II/DHC
Dated 27/1/26

From:

The Registrar General,
High Court of Delhi,
New Delhi.

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To

The Principal District and Sessions Judge (HQs),
Tis Hazari Courts,
Delhi-110054.

Sub:- **Constitution of Committee on Gender Sensitization as well as Committee for taking action in the matter of Sexual Harassment of women and Transgender persons at all levels.**

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith order dated 06.01.2026 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (C) No. 1245 of 2025, titled Geeta Rani Versus Union of India & Ors. and request you to submit a compiled report of all District Courts, Family Courts, All Delhi Legal Aid Bodies, Delhi Judicial Academy and Bar Associations with regard to the constitution of Committee on gender sensitization as well as Committee for taking action in the matter of sexual harassment of women and transgender persons at all levels. If not, the process of constitution of the Committee for the purpose mentioned above may be expedited as mentioned in the abovesaid order. The said report be forwarded to this Court at the earliest possible through e-mail at rga-2.dhc@gov.in.

The matter is fixed for hearing before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 09.03.2026.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As Above.

(M.P.S Bisht)
Deputy Registrar
for Registrar General

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17 HIGH COURT OF KERALA,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL ERNAKULAM,
KERALA - 682031

PID: 4020/2026 FOR R[17] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

18 HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL JABALPUR,
MADHYA PRADESH - 482001

PID: 4021/2026 FOR R[18] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

19 HIGH COURT OF MADRAS,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CHENNAI,
TAMIL NADU - 600104

PID: 4022/2026 FOR R[19] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

20 HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL IMPHAL,
MANIPUR - 795002

PID: 4023/2026 FOR R[20] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

21 HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL SHILLONG,
MEGHALAYA - 793001

PID: 4024/2026 FOR R[21] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

22 HIGH COURT OF ORISSA,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CUTTACK,
ORISSA - 753002

PID: 4025/2026 FOR R[22] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

23 HIGH COURT OF PATNA,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL PATNA,
BIHAR - 800028

PID: 4026/2026 FOR R[23] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

24 HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CHANDIGARH,
PUNJAB - 160001

PID: 4027/2026 FOR R[24] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

25 HIGH COURT OF RAJASTHAN,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL JODHPUR,
RAJASTHAN - 342001

PID: 4028/2026 FOR R[25] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

26 HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM,
THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL GANGTOK,
SIKKIM - 737101

PID: 4029/2026 FOR R[26] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

27 HIGH COURT OF TELANGANA,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL HYDERABAD,
TELANGANA - 500066

PID: 4030/2026 FOR R[27] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

28 HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL AGARTHALA,
TRIPURA - 799001

PID: 4031/2026 FOR R[28] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

29 HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND,
THR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL NAINITAL,
UTTARAKHAND - 263002

PID: 4032/2026 FOR R[29] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) No. 1245 OF 2025

GEETA RANI ... Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS ... Respondent(s)

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for your information and necessary action a certified copy of Record of Proceedings dated 06th January, 2026 of this Court in the matter above mentioned.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

9/1/26

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) No. 1245 OF 2025

(UNDER ARTICLE 32 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA)

GEETA RANI ... Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS ... Respondent(s)

To,

1	UNION OF INDIA, THROUGH THE SECRETARY MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, SHASTRI BHAWAN, DISTRICT- NEW DELHI, DELHI - 110001	PID: 4922/2026 FOR R[1] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)
2	BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA, THROUGH ITS CHAIRMAN 21, ROUSE AVENUE INSTITUTIONAL AREA NEW DELHI-110002,	PID: 4923/2026 FOR R[2] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)
3	UNION OF INDIA, THROUGH THE SECRETARY MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI- 110001,	PID: 4924/2026 FOR R[3] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)
4	BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA, THROUGH ITS CHAIRMAN 21, ROUSE AVENUE INSTITUTIONAL AREA,, DISTRICT- DELHI - 110002	PID: 4925/2026 FOR R[4] IN IN W.P.(C) NO. 1245/2025W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)
5	HIGH COURT OF ALLAHABAD, THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL ALLAHABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 210001	PID: 4926/2026 FOR R[5] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)
6	HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, THR THE REGISTRAR AMARAVATI, ANDHRA PRADESH - 522237	PID: 4927/2026 FOR R[6] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)
7	HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY, THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL FORT, MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA - 400032	PID: 4928/2026 FOR R[7] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)
8	HIGH COURT OF CALCUTTA, THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL - 700001	PID: 4929/2026 FOR R[8] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)
9	HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL BILASPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 495001	PID: 4930/2026 FOR R[9] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)
10	HIGH COURT OF DELHI, THROUGH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL SHER SHAH ROAD, DELHI - 110503	PID: 4931/2026 FOR R[10] IN W.P.(C) NO.1245/2025 (SEC X)

THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI
(Judicial Receipt Section)
12 JAN 2026
Diary No. 1243

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (C) NO. 1245 /2025

(Writ Petition Under Article 32 Of The Constitution Of India)

In the matter of:

Geeta Rani ...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & Ors. ...Respondents.

(Paper Book)

(Kindly See Index)

Advocate for the Petitioner: Pravir Chowdhury

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SECTION – XVI

The case pertains to (please tick/check the correct box)

Central Act :(Title) :The Constitution of India
Article : Article 32
Central Rule: (Title): NA
Rule No(s) : NA
State Act : (Title): NA
Section : NA
State Rule : (Title): NA
Rule No(s) : NA
Impugned interim order (date) : NA
Impugned final order : NA
High Court (Name) : NA
Name of Judges: NA
Tribunal/Authority : NA

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1. Nature of matter : Writ Petition
2. (a) Petitioner : Geeta Rani
   (b) E-mail ID : reepak.kansal@gmail.com
   (c) Mobile/phone No: 9212250235
3. (a) Respondent : Union of India & Others
   (b) E-mail ID : NA
   (c) Mobile phone No. : NA
4. (a). Main category classification:
   (b). Sub classification :
5. Not to be listed before : NA
6. Similar/Pending matter :
   (a) Pending matter, if any- No similar matter is pending.
   (b) Similar matter, if any- No similar matter is disposed off.

The important Questions of Law for kind consideration of this Hon'ble Court-

a. Whether the failure of Bar Associations to constitute an internal institutional mechanism for addressing complaints of harassment violates the fundamental rights of women lawyers and staff under Articles 14, 15, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution?

b. Whether the Bar Council of India and State Bar Councils, as statutory bodies entrusted with the enrolment, regulation and welfare of advocates, have a constitutional duty to ensure safe working conditions for women lawyers in courts across the country?

c. Whether the absence of institutional structures for addressing harassment in Bar Associations and courts constitutes a breach of India's obligations under the CEDAW Convention and the principles laid down in the Vishaka judgment regarding safe workplaces for women?

d. Whether this Hon'ble Court may direct the establishment of a uniform GSICC-type mechanism in all High Courts, District Courts,

5. **High Court of Allahabad**
   Through the Registrar General,
   Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh – 211001.

6. **High Court of Andhra Pradesh**
   Through the Registrar General,
   Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh – 522237.

7. **High Court of Bombay**
   Through the Registrar General,
   Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra – 400032.

8. **High Court of Calcutta**
   Through the Registrar General,
   Kolkata, West Bengal – 700001.

9. **High Court of Chhattisgarh**
   Through the Registrar General,
   Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh – 495001.

10. **High Court of Delhi**
    Through the Registrar General,
    Sher Shah Road, New Delhi – 110503.

11. **High Court of Gauhati**
    Through the Registrar General,
    Guwahati, Assam – 781001.

12. **High Court of Gujarat**
    Through the Registrar General,
    Ahmedabad, Gujarat – 380060.

13. **High Court of Himachal Pradesh**
    Through the Registrar General,
    Shimla, Himachal Pradesh – 171001.

7. That the facts leading to filing of this petition are as under:

A. This Hon'ble Court, in *Vishaka v. State of Rajasthan*, laid down mandatory guidelines requiring all institutions, including courts, to establish mechanisms for prevention and redressal of sexual harassment at workplaces, recognising a woman's right to equality, dignity and a safe environment under Articles 14, 15 and 21.

B. This Hon'ble Court constituted the Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee (GSICC) for the Supreme Court premises, establishing a model institutional framework for protection of women lawyers, employees, interns and litigants within court spaces. Copy of Gender Sensitization and Sexual Harassment of Women at Supreme Court (Prevention Prohibition and Redressal) Guidelines, 2015 is enclosed herewith as ANNEXURE P-1 (P 18-21)

C. Due to widespread non-implementation of constitutionally required gender-protection mechanisms across judicial institutions, and absence of any effective alternative remedy, the Petitioner approached this Hon'ble Court under Article 32.

8.8 Because, the court premises across the country lack publicly displayed information regarding complaint procedures, designated authorities, or avenues for redressal. Lack of awareness and sensitisation among administrative staff, security personnel, judicial officers and lawyers results in systemic constitutional violations and creates unsafe court environments.

8.9 Because, the High Courts exercise administrative and supervisory control over all subordinate courts under Articles 227 and 235. This creates a constitutional obligation on High Courts to ensure that District Courts and Tribunals under their jurisdiction have effective internal redressal mechanisms. Failure to discharge this responsibility results in violation of constitutional duties and denial of justice to women working within these institutions.

8.10 Because, the women lawyers and others working in court premises have no effective alternative remedy in the absence of validly established mechanisms. Complaints cannot be processed or adjudicated, rendering recourse to any other forum futile. The present Petition is therefore

and all High Courts to file periodical compliance reports before this Hon'ble Court within a time-bound schedule.

h. Pass any other order or direction as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice, equity and protection of fundamental rights of women lawyers, litigants, interns and all women entering court premises.

AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS THE PETITIONER AS IN DUTY BOUND SHALL EVER PRAY.

Drawn by:
(Reepak Kansal)
Advocate

Filed by:

Pravir Chowdhury
AOR for Petitioner

Date of drafting: 02.12.2025
Date of filing: 03.12.2025

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Gender Sensitization and Sexual Harassment of Women at Supreme Court (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Guidelines, 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred by Regulation 14(1) of the Gender Sensitization & Sexual Harassment of Women at the Supreme Court of India (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Regulations, 2013 the GSICC hereby frames the following Guidelines for conducting an Inquiry by the Internal Sub-Committee.

i. These Guidelines may be called "Gender Sensitization and Sexual Harassment of Women at Supreme Court (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Guidelines, 2015".

ii. These Guidelines shall come into force on the date of their notification by the GSICC on the official website of the Supreme Court of India.

[redacted] Constitution of the Internal Sub-Committee

The Internal Sub-Committee constituted by the GSICC under Regulation 9 shall conduct a fact finding inquiry, which shall comprise of three members, with a majority being women, and one outside/ external member.

As per Regulation 4(4), the outside/external member appointed under Clause 4(2)(f) shall be paid a fees of Rs. 3000 per sitting , from the allocated funds for holding the proceedings of the Internal Sub-Committee.

Such fees or allowances shall be subject to any revision that may be made by the GSICC from time to time.

The External Member appointed shall be entitled to an allowance of three thousand rupees (Rs. 3000) per sitting for holding the proceedings of the Internal Sub-Committee.

[redacted] Receipt of Written Complaint with supportive documents and statement of witnesses

i. The aggrieved woman will be required to file her written Complaint either personally, or through a Volunteer as per Regulation 8, be accompanied by all supporting material, evidence, statements, and transcripts. The Complaint must be addressed to the GSICC, and submitted to the Member- Secretary of the GSICC.

ii. The aggrieved woman shall submit a list of witnesses, along with their affirmed statements, and contact details whom she desires to produce in support of her case before the Internal Sub-Committee.

[redacted] Notice to the Respondent and Submission of Response in writing

i. That within 7 days of the receipt of a Complaint from an aggrieved woman, the Member Secretary shall serve the same alongwith enclosures on the Respondent.

ii. The Respondent will be called upon to place his written response along with the supporting material, and list of witnesses, within a period not exceeding 7 working days from the date of receipt of the Complaint.