

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.52 OF 2013

Priscilla Samuel ...Petitioner.
versus
Union of India and others ..Respondents.

.....
Ms. Priscilla Samuel, Petitioner in person present.
Mr. Ketan Gala i/b Mr. Dhiren H. Shah for Respondent No.1.
Mr. Durgesh Kulkarni i/b Lex Firmus for Respondent No.5.
Mr. J.S. Saluja,AGP for the State.

.....
CORAM : NARESH H. PATIL &
A.S. GADKARI, JJ.

18th February, 2015.

P.C. :

The learned AGP submits that by an order dated 13th May, 1998 issued by the State, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Superintendent of Police/ Police Commissioner; Police Inspector/ Police Sub-Inspector, attached to respective police stations, are conferred and designated as Dowry Prohibition Officers in the State.

2. The learned counsel for the Central Government submits that so far he has not received any instructions.

3. We have heard the Petitioner appearing in person in respect of the issues concerning administration of this Act, the role to be attributed to the Prohibition Officers. The Petitioner appearing in

persons submits that the prevalent practice in the society of demanding dowry and giving it during the performance of marriage should be curtailed. It was further submitted that there is awareness in the urban areas, but the rural areas are affected largely due to poverty, illiteracy giving rise to cases of demand of dowry. The State needs to spread awareness amongst the people at the large by bringing to their notice the spirit of the legislation known as Dowry Prohibition Act 1961.

4. The Petitioner appearing in person submitted that there is no specific relief prayed against Respondent No.5. Therefore, the learned counsel appearing for Respondent No.5 requests that they may be deleted. Respondent No.5 is accordingly permitted to be deleted. We expect the Respondent No.5 to be conscious of the enactment of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 in its letter and spirit.

Stand over to 18th March, 2015.

(Naresh H. Patil, J.)

(A.S. Gadkari, J.)