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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 Ors.

... Respondents

Ms. Priscilla Samuel petitioner in person.

Mr. D.P. Singh, for R. No.1 Union of India.

Mr. Rohit Deo, Acting Advocate General with Mr. Abhay Patki,
AGP for the respondent State.

Mrs. Geeta Joglekar a/w Mr. Sagar Patil for R. No. 10 BMC.

**CORAM : SHANTANU KEMKAR &
PRAKASH D. NAIK, JJ.**
DATED : DECEMBER 14, 2016.

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Parties through their counsel.

2. We have been informed by the learned counsel for the Union of India that he has filed an affidavit on behalf of respondent no. 1 Union of India on 21.11.2016. Office to place the same on record.

3. Learned Advocate General for the State submits that the process of appointment of Dowry Prohibition Officer is under

consideration of the Women and Child Welfare Department. Thereafter, it will be approved by the General Administration Department as also by the Finance Department and then the matter will be placed before the Cabinet.

4. The learned AGP submits that he will put on affidavit the details of the steps which have been taken till date and the time which will be required for making the appointments of the Dowry Prohibition Officer. On his request, we grant two weeks time to file affidavit in this regard.

5. In so far as other contentions in regard to the blocking of the website, the Union of India in their affidavit has stated that the guidelines to that effect have already been issued to various State Governments including the State of Maharashtra. The State of Maharashtra has to act upon it. Learned AGP submits that the steps taken by the State for implementation of said guidelines will also be informed on affidavit.

6. Learned AGP further submits that as regards the formation of the Grievance Redressal Mechanism and District Level Advisory Board, the steps which have been taken and the time in which the

same will be set up, shall also be placed on record on affidavit within two weeks.

7. Stand over to 10th January, 2017.

(PRAKASH D. NAIK, J.)

(SHANTANU KEMKAR, J.)