

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (L) NO. 495 OF 2021**

**Ms.Meera Yadav and Anr.        }     Petitioners**  
**}     Versus**  
**Union of India and Ors.        }     Respondents**

Mr.Anand Grover-Senior Advocate i/b. Mr.Rahul  
Kamerkar for the petitioners.

Mr.Anil C. Singh-Additional Solicitor General with  
Mr.Aditya Thakkar and Mr.D.P.Singh for  
respondent nos.1 to 4.

Ms.P.H.Kantharia-Government Pleader for  
respondent no.5.

**CORAM :- DIPANKAR DATTA, CJ &  
                  G. S. KULKARNI, J.**

**DATE :- MARCH 10, 2021**

**PC :-**

1. We have heard Mr.Grover, learned senior counsel for the petitioners and Mr.Singh, learned Additional Solicitor General for the respondents at some length. The concern expressed in this PIL petition needs to be addressed, if at all, only after we have before us a decision of the Central Government on the grievance expressed by the petitioners in their several representations. We had enquired of Mr.Singh as to whether such representations could be considered before inviting the parties to exchange their affidavits. Mr.Singh, upon instructions, submits that the representations would be considered by the respondent no.3 in accordance with law

within a period of 6 (six) weeks from date and that this PIL petition may be disposed of without expressing any opinion on merits.

2. Instead of disposing of the PIL petition, at this stage, given the nature of concern that has been expressed in it, we are of the opinion that interest of justice would be sufficiently served if the Secretary, Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi proceeds to consider the representations submitted by the petitioners dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (Exhibits 'MM' and 'NN', respectively) within a period of 6 (six) weeks from date and the order of disposal of such representations is placed before us on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021. It is ordered accordingly.

3. Stand over to **28<sup>th</sup> April 2021**.

4. All contentions are kept open.

**(G. S. KULKARNI, J.)**

**(CHIEF JUSTICE)**