

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CWJC No.11819 of 2010
BACHPAN BACHAO ANDOLAN..... PETITIONER
Versus
THE STATE OF BIHAR & ORS.....RESPONDENTS

9 11-02-2011 Heard the parties and perused the reply through I.A
on behalf of respondent no.3 as well as reply to the I.A. on
behalf of respondent no.4.

The petitioner is a non-governmental Organization
(NGO) interested in protecting the rights of children and
promoting their welfare. The main prayer in this writ petition
is that the State authorities should formulate an action plan
and take effective steps for avoiding child labour. In this
context this Court by order dated 30th November, 2010 noted
the objectives of the petitioner and the submission of Mr.
Amanullah appearing for the State. The Government is ready
to hold the training camps to sensitize the officers concerned.

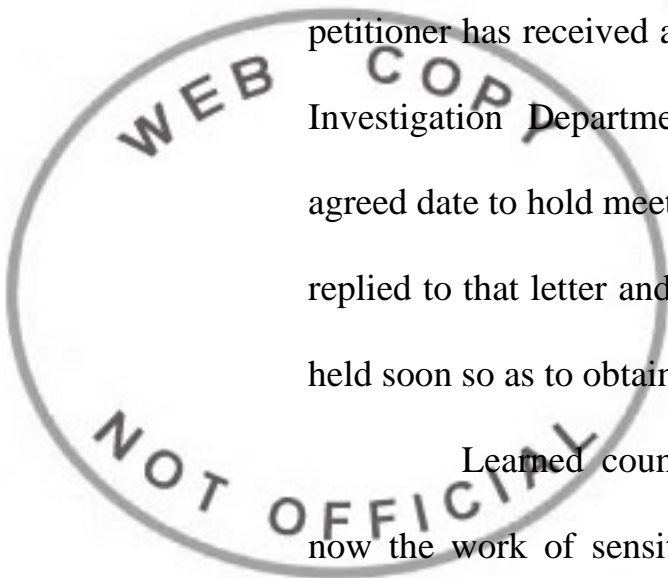
This Court indicated that the petitioner may also be
involved in the training programme and the Government
should formulate a scheme to carry out the mission after
discussions with all the concerned authorities.

From the reply to the I.As. noticed above it appears
that the training programme and related activities were carried

out and two meetings have already taken place in the month of January, 2011 leading to a memorandum of understanding between government officials from the Labour Department and representatives of the petitioner. It further appears from the comprehensive report of the workshop that discussions were held amongst all the concerned departments in which a senior police officer was also invited to speak. Annexure-H contains a copy of the draft future plan for achieving the target in the various districts of the State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that petitioner has received a letter from the department of Crime Investigation Department, Government of Bihar for an agreed date to hold meeting with the petitioner. Petitioner has replied to that letter and it is expected that a meeting shall be held soon so as to obtain suggestions from the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the State has submitted that now the work of sensitizing the officers has begun and an action plan has already been formulated. The work is likely to gain momentum so that evil of trafficking and child labour may be eradicated from Bihar. He further submitted that keeping this litigation pending is not necessary and it may be



disposed of because already co-operation of the petitioner has been sought along with co-operation from other NGOs. and the State authorities are committed to take necessary steps for achieving the desired goal.

Considering the aforesaid facts and submissions we are of the view that the present Public Interest Litigation has served its purpose. It is disposed of with liberty that in case petitioner or any other interested person feels the necessity of intervention of this Court in future, it may approach this Court through appropriate writ petition.

(**Shiva Kirti Singh, J.**)

(**Gopal Prasad, J**)

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