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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION/INHERENT JURISDICTION/CIVIL
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION/CRIMINAL JURISDICTIONCRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S). 1255/1999

PEOPLES UNION FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES & ANR.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

CrI.A. No. 1256/1999CrI.A. No. 1367/1999W.P.(C) No. 316/2008CONMT.PET.(C) NO. 47/2011INW.P.(C) NO. 316/2008T.C.(C) No. 27/2011W.P.(CrI.) No. 380/2021**O R D E R**

1. We take on record the laborious exercise undertaken by the learned Senior counsel Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who has been appointed as the Amicus Curiae to assist the Court.
2. The Police Manual for Media Briefing has been prepared by the learned Amicus, considering the views of the Union of India and the practices prevalent at the international level. Notwithstanding the time granted by this Court on earlier occasions, the States have not shown adequate interest in taking note of the Manual and doing the needful.

3. We do not want to keep these matter(s) pending any longer. We deem it appropriate to direct the States to evolve an appropriate policy for Media Briefing by taking into consideration the Police Manual for Media Briefing furnished by the learned Amicus Curiae. The needful will have to be done within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.
4. The Registry is directed to upload the Police Manual for media Briefing on the Supreme Court Website within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.
5. We once again place on record our appreciation for the able assistance rendered by the learned Amicus Curiae.
6. No orders are required in the applications for interventions and they are disposed of, accordingly.
7. The appeals and the writ petitions stand disposed of accordingly, and the Contempt Petition stands closed.
8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

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[M.M. SUNDRESH]

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[NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH]

NEW DELHI;
15th JANUARY, 2026

ITEM NO.101

COURT NO.5

SECTION II-A

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IA No. 20448/2011 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION

IA No. 9874/2012 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION

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IA No. 112148/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

IA No. 28857/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 169671/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
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The appeals and the writ petitions stand disposed of and the Contempt Petition stands closed in terms of the reportable signed order.

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(SWETA BALODI)
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(POONAM VAID)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Reportable signed order is placed on the file)