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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 5834/2025

N. DEEPIKA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. S. Parthasarathi, Adv.
versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Ashish Dixit, SC, UOI.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

% **02.05.2025**

CM APPL.26701/2025 (Exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

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3. The present petition has been filed by the spouses of three Indian Nationals namely Raju Muthukumaran, Selvadurai Dinakaran and Govindasamy Vimalkandhan, who have been given death penalty by an Indonesian Court for the offence committed under the local Indonesian law concerning possession of Narcotics.
4. It is submitted that the aforesaid three Indian Nationals were working in "ASL Shipyard" and they were detained by the Narcotics Department of the Indonesian Government for possession of Narcotics.
5. Subsequently, the petitioners have been convicted and have been awarded death penalty vide judgment of the Tanjung Balai Karimun District Court, Indonesia bearing No.209 to 211/Pid.sus/2024/PN Tbk (stated to be dated 25.04.2025).
6. It is submitted by the petitioners that their spouses, who are the sole

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bread winner of their family, are of limited means and have no where-with-all to pursue the prescribed appellate remedy before the concerned Courts in Indonesia. It is further pointed out that the limitation period for pursuing such appellate remedy is very stringent and requisite steps are required to be taken almost in the immediate aftermath of the judgment being pronounced.

7. As such, urgent directions are sought to the effect that the Indian Consulate in Indonesia be directed to render appropriate assistance to the concerned Indian Nationals, who have been awarded the death penalty.

8. Issue notice.

9. Mr. Ashish Dixit, learned Standing Counsel, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. He seeks some time to take instructions.

10. List on 06.05.2025.

11. In the meantime, the Indian Consulate in Indonesia is directed to:

(i) take requisite steps for the purpose of ensuring that the convicted Indian nationals are afforded adequate legal representation, and to render appropriate assistance to them for the purpose of pursuing appellate remedies;

(ii) facilitate communication between the said convicted individuals and their families in India.

12. The respondent no.2 / Ministry of External Affairs, Union of India is also directed to pursue the matter at the diplomatic level with the Indonesian government, for the protection of the Indian nationals under applicable international conventions or bilateral agreement/s (if any).

13. Copy of the order be given *dasti* under the signatures of Court Master.

SACHIN DATTA, J

MAY 2, 2025/cl

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