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No. 14/6/2016-Public  
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar  
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya  
Public Section

महानिरीक्षक (सुशासन)  
Inspector General (H&A)  
आदेश सं./Dian. No. 5062  
दिनांक/Date: 26/12/16

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North Block, New Delhi-1  
Dated the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2016

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To,  
The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments,  
The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all Union Territories.  
The Directors General of Police of State Governments /Union Territories

**Subject:- Orders relating to the National Anthem of India.**

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even No. dated 06.12.2016, I am directed to state that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 09.12.2016 in the Writ Petition Civil No. 855 of 2016 (copy enclosed) has directed as follows:-

"..., learned Attorney General for India submitted that how the physically challenged or physically handicapped persons shall show respect to the National Anthem, the Central Government will issue guidelines within ten days hence. As the guidelines are going to be issued, we clarify, if a physically challenged person or physically handicapped persons goes to the Cinema hall to watch a film, he need not stand up, if he is incapable to stand, but must show such conduct which is commensurate with respect for the National Anthem. When we say physically challenged or physically handicapped persons, it means persons with disability as defined under Sections 2(i) and 2 (t) of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995...."

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2. Accordingly, the following guidelines are prescribed in this regard:

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(i) The persons with locomotor disabilities and other wheel chair users having affected lower limbs shall position himself / herself to the extent of maximum attentiveness and alertness with or without the help of appropriate aids and appliances. For example a wheel chair bound person with disability shall make the wheel chair static, position himself / herself maintaining the maximum possible alertness physically.

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4. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill has been passed by both the Houses of Parliament which recognizes 21 categories of disabilities and the issues concerning the new categories of disabilities also need to be considered after the notification in this regard is issued. In view of this and para 3 and 3.1 above, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will suggest further modifications in guidelines as and when required or necessary. In such eventualities, these guidelines will be further amended or modified or expanded.

5. The above is conveyed to you in compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court quoted above.

6. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged and action taken in the matter be communicated to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(V.K. Rajan)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

Tel. 2309 4376

**Encl.: As above.**

**Copy to:-**

1. All Ministries/Departments of Government of India.
2. President's Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
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4. Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.
5. Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi.
6. Election Commission of India, New Delhi.
7. Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
8. Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
9. Registrar, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
10. All High Courts.
11. Office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi.
12. The Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi.
13. Central Vigilance Commission, New Delhi.
14. NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
15. All attached and Subordinate Offices of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
16. 20 Spare copies.

**Copy also to:-**

The Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for action in respect of para 4 above.

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30.11.2016.

On being mentioned by Mr. P.V. Dinesh, learned counsel, the I.As. are taken on Board.

Registry is directed to register the I.As.

Heard Mr. C.U. Singh, learned senior counsel along with Mr. P.V. Dinesh, learned counsel for the applicants, Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, learned Attorney General for India, and Mr. Sidharth Luthra, learned senior counsel who has sought leave of the Court to assist.

The prayer in the application is for recall of our order dated 30.11.2016. When it was brought to the notice of Mr. C.U. Singh, learned senior counsel about the grounds urged, we must fairly state that Mr. Singh submitted that he will have a re-look at the grounds and will amend the same.

As far as the recall of the order is concerned, the same has to be heard on merits when the matter is finally debated upon. Be it noted, Mr. Dinesh, learned counsel for the applicant at the time of mentioning had submitted that there has to be some kind of exemption for the physically challenged persons or physically handicapped persons. Mr. Siddharth Luthra, learned senior counsel who was present in Court has referred to the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

Mr. Rohatgi, learned Attorney General for India submitted that how the physically challenged or physically handicapped persons shall show respect to the National Anthem, the Central Government will issue guidelines within ten days hence. As the guidelines are going to be issued, we clarify, if a physically challenged person or physically handicapped person goes to the Cinema hall to watch a film, he need not stand up, if he is incapable to stand, but must show such conduct which is commensurate with respect for the National Anthem. When we say physically challenged or physically

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North Block, New Delhi-1  
Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

To,

The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments,  
The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all Union Territories.

**Subject:-** Orders relating to the National Anthem of India.

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Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose a copy of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 30.11.2016 delivered in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 855 of 2016 on the above subject. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the above said Order has directed as follows:-

- (a) There shall be no commercial exploitation to give financial advantage or any kind of benefit. To elaborate, the National Anthem should not be utilized by which the person involved with it either directly or indirectly shall have any commercial benefit or any other benefit.
- (b) There shall not be dramatization of the National Anthem and it should not be included as a part of any variety show. It is because when the National Anthem is sung or played it is imperative on the part of every one present to show due respect and honour. To think of a dramatized exhibition of the National Anthem is absolutely inconceivable.
- (c) National Anthem or a part of it shall not be printed on any object and also never be displayed in such a manner at such places which may be disgraceful to its status and tantamount to disrespect. It is because when the National Anthem is sung, the concept of protocol associated with it has its inherent roots in National identity, National integrity and Constitutional Patriotism.
- (d) All the cinema halls in India shall play the National Anthem before the feature film starts and all present in the hall are obliged to stand up to show respect to the National Anthem.
- (e) Prior to the National Anthem is played or sung in the cinema hall on the screen, the entry and exit doors shall remain closed so that no one can create any kind of disturbance which will amount to disrespect to the National Anthem. After the National Anthem is played or sung, the doors can be opened.

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ITEM NO.7

COURT NO.3

SECTION PIL(W)

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 855/2016

SHYAM NARAYAN CHOUKSEY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA  
(With office report)

Respondent(s)

Date : 30/11/2016 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPAK MISRA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMITAVA ROY

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Abhinav Shrivastav, Adv.  
Mr. Rituvendra Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Harmeet Singh Ruprah, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Mukul Rohtagi, AG  
Mr. Ashok Kumar Panda, Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Avijit Prasad, Adv.  
Ms. Movita, Adv.  
Mr. B.K. Prasad, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

We have heard Mr. Abhinav Srivastav, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, learned Attorney General for India along with Mr. A.K. Panda, learned senior counsel for the Union of India.

This Court on 28.10.2016 while entertaining the Writ Petition under Article 32 of the Constitution of India had noted the submissions advanced by the learned counsel for the petitioner, made reference to the enactment, namely, Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971. It had also taken note

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(d) All the cinema halls in India shall play the National Anthem before the feature film starts and all present in the hall are obliged to stand up to show respect to the National Anthem.

(e) Prior to the National Anthem is played or sung in the cinema hall on the screen, the entry and exit doors shall remain closed so that no one can create any kind of disturbance which will amount to disrespect to the National Anthem. After the National Anthem is played or sung, the doors can be opened.

(f) When the National Anthem shall be played in the Cinema Halls, it shall be with the National Flag on the screen.

(g) The abridge version of the National Anthem made by any one for whatever reason shall not be played or displayed.

We have so directed as Mr. Mukul Rohtagi, learned Attorney General for India submits with all humility at his command and recommend that National Anthem has to be respected. The directions are issued, for love and respect for the motherland is reflected when one shows respect to the National

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published in the print media so that every one knows that such an order has been passed and follow the same in letter and spirit.

This order shall be given effect to within a period of 10 days.

Let the matter be listed on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 for further hearing.

(Madhu Bala)  
Court Master

(H.S. Parashar)  
Court Master