

Jane Kaushik
v.
Union of India & Ors.

(Miscellaneous Application No. 196 of 2026

In

Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1405 of 2023)

06 February 2026

[J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan, JJ.]

Issue for Consideration

Miscellaneous Application was filed seeking inclusion of Ms. Aparna Mehrotra, Senior Associate, Centre for Law and Policy Research as a member of the Advisory Committee formed by this Court *vide* judgment dated 17.10.2025 to address the concerns of the transgender community.

Headnotes[†]

Appointment of a member of the Advisory Committee – Miscellaneous Application was filed by the *Amicus Curiae* seeking inclusion of Ms. Aparna Mehrotra, Senior Associate, Centre for Law and Policy Research as a member to the Advisory Committee formed by this Court *vide* judgment dated 17.10.2025 to address the concerns of the transgender community:

Held: *Vide* judgment dated 17.10.2025, an Advisory Committee was constituted to address the concerns of the transgender community with Ms. Nithya Rajshekhar as a member to represent the Centre for Law and Policy Research – However, she is no longer an Associate with the Centre but, taking into consideration the extensive work undertaken by her with regard to the transgender rights, she would continue as one of the members of the Advisory Committee – Further, in the interest of functioning of the Advisory Committee, Ms. Aparna Mehrotra, Senior Associate, Centre for Law and Policy Research is also appointed as a member of the said Advisory Committee to represent the Centre and its scholarship in the field of transgender rights. [Paras 2-4]

Jane Kaushik v. Union of India & Ors.**List of Keywords**

Advisory Committee; Advisory Committee appointed to address the concerns of the transgender community; Centre for Law and Policy Research; Member to the Advisory Committee; Miscellaneous Application; Miscellaneous Application filed by *Amicus Curiae*.

Case Arising From

ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION: Miscellaneous Application No. 196 of 2026

In

Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1405 of 2023

From the Judgment and Order dated 17.10.2025 of the Supreme Court of India at Delhi in WC No. 1405 of 2023.

Appearances for Parties

Adv. for the Petitioner(s):

Ms. Jayna Kothari, Amicus Curie.

Advs. for the Respondent(s):

Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, A.S.G., Santosh Kr., Durga Dutt, Noor Rampal, Varun Chugh, B.L.N. Shivani, Ishaan Sharma, Dr. N. Visakamurthy, Ms. Deepanwita Priyanka, Vishwa Pal Singh, Mukesh Kumar, Srikant Singh, Ms. Aishwarya Sharma, Suraj Pal Singh Mina, Varun Singh, Atul Kumar, Mohit Negi.

Judgment / Order of the Supreme Court**Order**

1. By this Miscellaneous Application, Ms. Jayna Kothari, the learned Amicus Curiae has prayed for the following:-

“Kindly allow the present application filed by the Amicus Curiae and pass appropriate directions to include Ms. Aparna Mehrotra, Senior Associate, Centre for Law and Policy Research as a member to the Advisory Committee formed by the order dated 17.10.2025.”

2. Vide our judgment and order dated 17.10.2025, we had constituted the Advisory Committee with Ms. Nithya Rajshekhar as a member

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to represent the Centre for Law and Policy Research (“**Centre**”). We take note of the fact that Ms. Nithya Rajshekhar is no longer an Associate with the Centre.

3. However, taking into consideration the extensive work undertaken by Ms. Nithya Rajshekhar with regard to the transgender rights, we clarify that she would continue as one of the members of the Advisory Committee.
4. In the interest of functioning of the Advisory Committee, we also appoint Ms. Aparna Mehrotra, Senior Associate, Centre for Law and Policy Research as member of the Advisory Committee formed by us vide our judgment and order dated 17.10.2025, to represent the Centre and its scholarship in the field of transgender rights.
5. With the aforesaid directions, this Miscellaneous Application stands disposed of accordingly.

Result of the case: Miscellaneous application disposed of.

[†]Headnotes prepared by: Divya Pandey