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WPA 7252 of 2018
Court in its own motion
In Re: Overcrowding in Prisons
With
WPA 26371 of 2017
In-human Conditions in 1382 Prisons
With
WPA 4510 of 1997
Tapas Kumar Bhanja
Vs.
State of West Bengal
With
WPA 5440 of 2020
IA No. CAN 1 of 2020 (Old No. CAN 3147 of 2020)
Aparajita Bose
Vs.
State of West Bengal & ors.
With
WPA 8573 of 2018
The Hon'ble Court's in its own motion
Vs.
State of West Bengal

Mr. Tapas Kumar Bhanja (in person)
Mr. Kallol Guha Thakurta
Mr. Subas Ray
Mr. Wasim Rahaman
Ms. Dhriti Chanda

... Amicus Curiae

1. Learned counsel for the amicus curiae had mentioned these matters and has placed an urgent note pointing out certain issues. Such note is taken on record. One such issue being that the woman prisoners while in custody are getting pregnant and at present there are as many as 196 babies staying in different prisons of West Bengal.

2. Learned counsel for the amicus curiae suggests prohibition of entry of male employees in the Correctional Home into the enclosures of the woman prisoners and some suggestions have been made by the learned counsel for the

amicus curiae dated 25.01.2024. It is submitted that the copy of this note has already been served upon the Office of the learned Advocate General.

3. In order to have an effective adjudication of all these matters, we deem it appropriate that the matters should be placed before the Hon'ble Division Bench having criminal roster determination.

4. Accordingly, all these writ petitions are released from the list of this Bench and be placed before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice for appropriate orders.

(T. S. Sivagnanam)
Chief Justice

(Supratim Bhattacharya, J.)