



W.P Nos.23556 and 19927 of 2023

WP Nos.23556 and 19927 of 2023

WEB COPY

THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
J.SATHYA NARAYANA PRASAD, J.

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

We have heard the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners. The matter is about supply of fortified rice through the Public Distribution System, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Mid-day Meal Scheme and other welfare schemes of the Government of India in all the States and Union Territories.

2. The contention of the petitioners is that, without scientific study the fortified rice is distributed. The risk analysis, risk assessment has not been conducted. The operational guidelines issued by the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India to evaluate the provision, coverage and utilization of fortified rice for the target population has not been conducted. It is submitted that persons with certain medical conditions cannot consume fortified rice. Statutory warning is also not placed. The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) has also



W.P Nos.23556 and 19927 of 2023

WEB COPY

stated that there is no proper medical evaluation conducted on the target population after implementing the pilot scheme.

3. It is further submitted that NITI Aayog report also suggests that the baseline study which has to precede the pilot scheme has not been conducted.

4. Learned Additional Solicitor General appears for the respondents and submits that he would take instructions on all these aspects.

5. The present litigation is not adversarial litigation. The Central Government shall look into the apprehensions expressed by the petitioners.

6. At the request of the learned Additional Solicitor General, place the matter on 19.06.2024.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(J.S.N.P., J.)

26.04.2024

kst

Page 2 of 3



WEB COPY



W.P.Nos.23556 and 19927 of 2023

THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
J.SATHYA NARAYANA PRASAD, J.

(kst)

W.P.Nos.23556 of 2023
and 19927 of 2023

26.04.2024

Page 3 of 3