

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO.604 OF 2016

DR.RAMAN KAKAR, GOVERNMENT MEDICAL
OFFICER, REVISED NATIONAL TB CONTROL
PROGRAM OF INDIA ... PETITIONER(S)

VS.

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR. ... RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. The latest affidavit dated 16th January, 2017 filed by Dr.V.S.Salhotra, Additional Deputy Director General(TB), Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India affirms as under:-

"Hence it is respectfully submitted that the new drug formulations are to be procured for implementing daily regimen and the transition to the daily regimen in the entire country (supply of drugs and preparation of the filed staff including trainings) will take about 9 to 12 months."

In view of the aforesaid affirmation made to this Court, we consider it just and appropriate to direct; that the new FDC drugs for daily regimen ATT treatment, will be administered to all new patients, after the expiry of a period of nine months from today. It is, accordingly, clarified that the earlier regimen whereby treatment so administered thrice in a week, will not be continued

under any circumstance after the expiry of a period of nine months from today.

3 We also further direct, that the daily dose regimen will be extended to all new patients, as far as possible; and the existing drugs will be utilised only for existing patients, who are already being administered treatment for TB, under the regimen which provides for medicines thrice in a week.

4. Disposed of in the above directions.

.....CJI.
[JAGDISH SINGH KHEHAR]

.....J.
[N.V. RAMANA]

.....J.
[Dr. D.Y.CHANDRACHUD]

New Delhi;
January 23, 2017.

