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Mr. Aditya Vikram

Vs.

The Union of India & Ors.

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... .. For the Petitioner

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... ..For the Insurance Co.

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.. ..For the UOI

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.. ...For respondent nos. 13 & 14 (IRDAI)

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... For the respondent nos. 30

In this public interest litigation the primary relief claimed is as follows :-

"A Writ of and/or in the nature of mandamus directing and/or commanding the respondents and/or their men, agents, servants and assigns to take immediate steps to frame UNIVERSAL INSURANCE ACCOUNT NUMBER which could be self generated by every insurance related entity having PAN from web portal namely EPOLICY.GOV.IN or similar where all the related entities of Insurance along with network Hospitals could come under a single umbrella."

We have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Having considered the facts of the case, we are of the view that it would be appropriate and convenient for the 13th respondent, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, to consider the grievance of the writ petitioner and take a decision in the matter.

Accordingly, we direct the 13th respondent, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, to consider the case made out in the writ petition as a representation of the petitioner and take an informed decision thereon in accordance with law within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order along with a copy of the writ petition, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the writ petitioner and any other persons that the 13th respondent may deem necessary.

The 13th respondent may call for inputs from other relevant agencies for the purpose of coming to a decision in the matter. The decision taken by the 13th respondent shall be communicated to the petitioner within a week from the date of the decision.

We have not gone into the merits of the case. It will be open to the 13th respondent to take a decision in accordance with law.

With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of.

Since we have not called for any affidavit, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to be admitted by the respondents.

[Thottathil B. Radhakrishnan, C.J.]

[Arijit Banerjee, J.]