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SC slams 23 States for silence over discrimination in jails

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it is unfortunate and "very sad" that 23 States and Union Territories have not yet provided information sought by the Centre in a case related to discrimination inside jails.

In a landmark verdict delivered in October 2024, the top court had banned caste-based discrimination like division of manual labour, segregation of barracks and bias against prisoners of de-notified tribes and habitual offenders by holding as "unconstitutional" the jail manual rules of 10 States for fostering such biases.

A bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and Manmohan, which was hearing a suo motu case titled 'In Re: Discrimination inside prisons in India' on Tuesday, noted that the Centre has filed a fresh status report highlighting further progress in the matter.

It said the report highlighted issues relating to police regulations similar to the Madhya Pradesh Police Regulations, 1937, and district-wise boards of visitors formed under the Model Prison Manual, 2016.

The bench noted that the report was filed in pursuance of the directions issued by the top court on July 30 and September 10 this year.

In its July 30 order, the top court had directed all States and UTs to ensure that a board of visitors was constituted district-wise, headed by the principal district judge of that particular district, within four weeks.

While hearing the matter on Tuesday, the bench said the report indicated that the concerned ministry had addressed letters to the additional chief secretaries/ principal secretaries (home)/ home secretaries and the director general of police (DGP)/ heads of police of all the respective states and UTs.

"Unfortunately, 23 states/ UTs are yet to reply to the information called for by the home department of the Union of India," the bench said.

It noted that senior advocate S Muralidhar, who is assisting it as an amicus curiae in the matter, has brought to its notice that the States and UTs are obliged to respond with appropriate affidavits or reports as to what steps have been taken so far regarding the constitution of district-wise boards of visitors.

"It is very sad that the states highlighted in the report are not responding to the home ministry of the Union," the bench said.

Foreign divorce for broken marriage illegal, says SC

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday held that the decree of divorce granted by a foreign court on the ground of irretrievable breakdown of marriage is not legal. A bench of Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Shree Chandrashekhar made the observation while dismissing a plea by a man seeking quashing of a case lodged against him for bigamy and criminal conspiracy.

"In our view, the foreign divorce decree was passed in contravention of the existing matrimonial law in India and on a ground that is not even recognised statutorily.

"This not only violates the legal threshold of Section 13 of the CPC, which every foreign decree has to pass through, but also the observations made by this Court as to the conditions required to be fulfilled by a foreign decree to be enforceable in India," the bench said.

Dealing with the case, the top court said the sanctity of matrimonial status cannot be allowed to yield to such 'forum non conveniens' (inconvenient forum).

"We cannot accept this submission in the manner canvassed as accused number 1/husband was married to respondent number 2/first wife in India under the Hindu rites, rituals and customs.

"Thus, even if the second marriage took place outside India, the allegations under Section 494 of the IPC cannot be said to be diluted since enquiry for the offence of bigamy cannot be confined to the place of second marriage but must necessarily take into account the subsisting matrimonial relationship," the bench said.

Order Order

SC seeks State rules details on DGP appointments



Widening its examination over appointment of DGPs, the Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to provide the gist of existing legislative or executive regime adopted by every State over the selection and appointment of police chiefs. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana also asked the Jharkhand Government and its DGP Tadasha Mishra, who was appointed as the police chief a day before her retirement, to respond to a plea filed by the Centre and others challenging her elevation to the post on or before November 16.

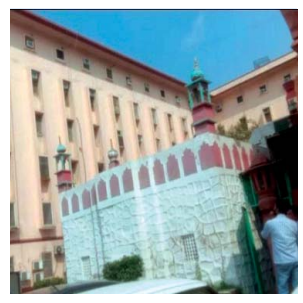
Agreeing to the submissions of senior advocate Raju Ramachandran, who is assisting the bench as an amicus curiae, the CJI said, "I think Mr Raju is right that the Union can be in a position to give us the gist of the existing legislative or executive regime adopted by every State (on the appointment of DGPs)." Ramachandran sought directions to the Centre and States to disclose whether they had enacted legislation or framed rules governing DGP appointments and, more importantly, whether these provisions were being implemented.

He pointed out that certain States had framed rules similar to those introduced by Jharkhand but continued to claim compliance with the Supreme Court's Prakash Singh directions. He specifically referred to Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, where similar provisions were stated to exist.

He said that a comprehensive assessment of the legal and executive frameworks adopted by different States was necessary to enable the court to examine the issue holistically rather than adjudicating the validity of individual State rules in isolation. The bench indicated that States would be required to furnish their responses. (*PTI*)

Mosque in Krishi Bhawan impermissible: Centre to HC

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The Centre has told the Delhi High Court that a century-old mosque in Krishi Bhawan has to be removed as the establishment of a permanent religious structure within the confines of a Government office complex is impermissible and incompatible with the "secular" character of Government property.

The Government said the Central Vista Redevelopment Master Plan provides for the redevelopment and reconstruction of the Common Central Secretariat (CCS) Buildings 4 and 5 at Plot number 120, covering the footprint of the existing Shastri Bhawan and Krishi Bhawan to modernise the infrastructure essential to the governance of the nation.

It said the construction of CCS buildings 4 and 5 is a public project of paramount national importance.

The Qadeemi Masjid stands on the project site and is required to be removed therefrom for the execution of the project, it added.

Delhi HC stays perjury action against 5 ex-CBI officers

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The Delhi High Court has kept in abeyance till the next date of hearing its October 6 order directing perjury proceedings against five former senior CBI officials before a magisterial court for allegedly making a factually incorrect statement in a case.

Justice Mini Pushkarna, who heard the matter after a chance in roster, posted the matter to February next year.

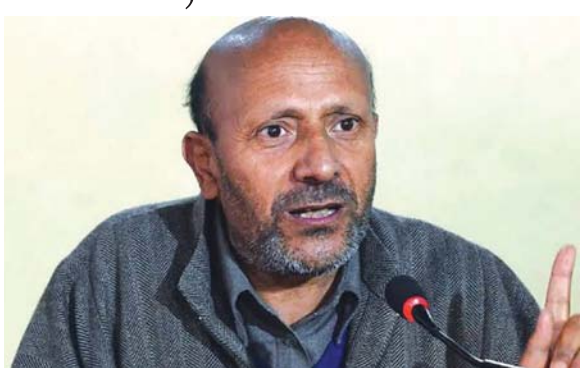
"The directions as contained in paragraph 63 and 64 of the impugned judgment dated 06th October, 2026, shall remain in abeyance, till the next date of hearing," Justice Pushkarna said.

She noted that "prima facie case has been established by the applicants", "balance of convenience" is also in favour of the applicants and "irreparable injury shall be caused to the applicants", in case, interim order is not passed in their favour.



Retired CBI DySPs Sushil Dewan and Raman Tyagi had approached the high court seeking recall of its order dated October 6 in which Justice Madhu Jain had ordered perjury proceedings against them and three other senior CBI officials.

Engineer Rashid influenced witnesses, NIA tells Delhi HC



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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday opposed a plea by Baramulla MP Abdul Rashid Sheikh alias Engineer Rashid in the Delhi High Court for bail in a terror funding case, alleging that he has influenced some of the prosecution witnesses.

The probe agency contended that two of the prosecution witnesses, who are also protected witnesses, have turned hostile.

The submissions were made before a bench of Justices Prathiba M Singh and Vikas Mahajan, which reserved its order on the bail plea.

Senior advocate Sidharth Luthra, representing the National Investigation Agency (NIA), said the testimony of the witnesses, examined so far, would show that three particular witnesses have been influenced by Rashid.

He contended that at least two protected witnesses have turned hostile.

Luthra submitted that Rashid has given specific speeches against India and has been supporting anti-India activities.

"In view of the influence that the appellant (Rashid) wields, he does not deserve to be granted bail," he contended while giving details of bail orders passed against Rashid.

He added that when Rashid was granted bail to meet his ailing father, he met certain witnesses.

In his rejoinder submissions, Rashid's counsel said the argument that Rashid influenced witnesses is completely untenable as during most of the period he was in custody.

The witnesses who Rashid is alleged to have influenced are extremely closely attached to him; that is, one is a driver and two others are personal assistants and they have been continuously working for Rashid for years, the counsel said.

He added that the appellant is a member of Parliament and has sworn his allegiance to the Constitution of India, and therefore this is a fit case for grant of bail.

The court had earlier noted that Rashid has been in custody for almost seven years and there are a total of 240 witnesses in the case and the trial would take a long time to conclude.

The court was hearing arguments on Rashid's plea seeking bail in the terror case lodged under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Rashid was earlier granted interim bail to attend the ceremonies related to his father's demise. He faces allegations that he funded separatists and terror groups in Jammu and Kashmir. He has been lodged in Delhi's Tihar Jail since 2019 after the NIA arrested him in the 2017 case.

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Press Note
Ujjain Municipal Corporation
Expression of Interest

Ujjain Municipal Corporation invites **(TENDER ID - 2026_UAD_527971_4)** EOI from Banks, Financial Institutions, NBFCs, and other eligible entities for a long-term loan of ₹200 Cr for financing the purchase, transfer, utilisation and redevelopment of Transferable Development Rights (TDR) The detailed EOI can be downloaded from https://mptenders.gov.in/ and bids must be submitted online by 18/11/2026 (17:30 PM).

Additional Commissioner (Finance)
Ujjain Municipal Corporation

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Embassy Developments Limited
(Formerly known as Equinox India Developments Limited)
CIN:L45101HR2006PLC095409

Statement of Unaudited Financial Results (Standalone and Consolidated) for the quarter ended 30 September 2026

The Board of Directors of the Company, at the meeting held on November 03, 2026, approved the unaudited financial results of the company for the quarter ended September 30, 2026 ("Financial Result").

The Financials along with the Limited Review Report, have been posted on the company's website (https://embassyindia.com) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com) and can be assessed by scanning the QR Code.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Place : Bengaluru
Date : November 03, 2026

Aditya Virwani
Managing Director

Note : The above intimation is in accordance with the Regulation 33 read with Regulation 47 (1) of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

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Equinox India Infraestate Limited
(CIN: U70102DL2007PLC157384)

Statement of unaudited financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2026

(₹ in millions except otherwise stated)

Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended	Preceding 3 months ended	Corresponding 3 months ended	Year to date figures for current period ended	Year to date figures for previous period ended	Previous year ended
		30 September 2026	30 June 2026	30 September 2025	30 September 2026	30 September 2025	31 March 2026
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	78.52	90.63	133.02	169.15	460.57	779.15
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(304.81)	(150.88)	(11.32)	(455.69)	(109.16)	(560.93)
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(304.81)	(150.88)	(11.32)	(455.69)	(109.16)	(807.99)
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(304.81)	(150.88)	(11.32)	(455.69)	(109.16)	(807.55)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(300.43)	(150.88)	(11.32)	(451.31)	(109.16)	(827.95)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	8,455.71	8,744.52	9,539.22	8,455.71	9,539.21	8,890.24
8	Securities Premium Account	16,123.91	16,123.91	16,123.91	16,123.91	16,123.91	16,123.91
9	Net Worth	8,457.98	8,746.80	9,541.49	8,457.98	9,541.49	8,892.51
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	19,194.60	16,885.60	16,942.86	19,194.60	16,942.86	10,955.48
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Share	-		-			-
12	Debt Equity Ratio*	2.27	1.93	1.78	2.27	1.78	1.26
13	Earnings per Share (EPS) (Face value Per Share ₹10 each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)-						
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	(1,340.17)	(663.40)	(49.77)	(2,003.57)	(479.93)	(3,550.61)
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(1,340.17)	(663.40)	(49.77)	(2,003.57)	(479.93)	(3,550.61)
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio**	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Current ratio (In times)	1.89	1.80	1.42	1.89	1.42	2.15
19	Total debts to total assets (In times)	0.61	0.59	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.50
20	Long term debt to working capital (In times)	0.78	0.71	0.47	0.78	0.47	0.68
21	Bad debt to account receivable ratio (In %)	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Current liability ratio (In times)	0.58	0.63	0.84	0.58	0.84	0.56
23	Debtor turnover ratio (In times)	1.49	1.74	1.28	3.07	4.32	7.15
24	Inventory turnover ratio (In times)***	-	-	0.01	-	0.04	0.06
25	Operating margin (In %)	(61.96)	(37.33)	(7.25)	(49.30)	(8.72)	(28.46)
26	Net profit margin (In %)	(388.19)	(166.48)	(8.51)	(269.40)	(23.70)	(123.19)

* Ratio can not be calculated due to negative earning available for debt service.
** Ratio can not be calculated due to negative earning available for interest service coverage
*** Ratio can not be calculated as no cost of goods sold corresponding to inventory has been recognised during the reporting period.

Notes to the standalone financial results:

1. The above results have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors ('the Board') at its meeting held on 03 November 2026.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52(8), read with 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://www.embassyindia.com/EIIL) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com).

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Place : Gurugram
Date : 03 November 2026

Rupesh Gupta
Whole Time Director