

Constitution Benches to hear key issues

Five Constitution Benches of the Supreme Court will start hearing five key issues from October 10, including whether it is within the fundamental rights of person to opt for euthanasia.

One of the Benches will be hearing a series of appeals filed by the Delhi government for laying down the law on whether the Lieutenant Governor can unilaterally administer the National Capital without being bound by the "aid and advice" of the elected government.

The court had in 2014 referred to a Constitution Bench a petition by an NGO, seeking to declare right to die with dignity as a fundamental right within the fold of right to live with dignity guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution.

The other Benches would deal with pivotal questions like whether a parliamentary committee report can be relied upon during judicial proceedings, how to add income for future prospects of victims in motor accident claims and whether the top court can entertain a plea for making an arbitration award a rule of the court.

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