

# Supreme Court seeks report from Centre & states on clinical trials

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MUMBAI: The [Supreme Court](#) has given the Centre and the state governments eight weeks to submit reports on the use of human beings for [clinical trials](#) by [drugs manufacturers](#).

The apex court on Monday, while hearing a public interest litigation filed by the non-governmental organisation [Swasthya Adhikar Manch](#), directed the Centre to furnish details of the deaths, if any, during the trials, besides the side effects and compensation paid to the families concerned.

"The court has directed all the states and union territories to provide information related to the status of clinical trials. The court has also asked for independent investigation reports, if any carried out by the states, within eight weeks", said Amulya Nidhi, convenor of Swasthya Adhikar Manch.

Justices RM Lodha and AR Dave have also asked the health ministry for a list of chemicals entities that conducted trials between January 2005 and June 2012. The judges, while hearing the petition triggered by news reports that exposed illegal clinical trials in a Madhya Pradesh government hospital, rapped the state government for not having proper laws in place for conducting clinical trials.

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