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Delhi High Court begins hearing PILs seeking recognition of same-sex marriages under the Hindu Marriage Act, the Special Marriage Act and the Foreign Marriage Act.

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PIL with respect to Hindu Marriage Act has been preferred by Abhjit Iyer Mitra, Gopi Shankar M, Giti Thadani and G Oorvasi.

PIL with respect to Special Marriage Act is by Dr Kavita Arora and her partner, Ankita Khanna.

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Petitioners in Foreign Marriage Act PIL are Vaibhav Jain and his partner, Parag Vijay Mehta.

Petitions are before Division Bench of Justices Rajiv Sahai Endlaw and Sanjeev Narula.

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Are pleadings complete? : Court

No reply has been filed : Counsel

Counsel for UOI , Nehul Sharma: We need three weeks time.

Court gives last opportunity to Central government to file responses to the petitions.

Court records that Delhi government is not represented, gives time to file response.

Court directs that matter be listed in the second half of February.

How much time will you take for arguments?: Court

Few hours: Senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy

Would you require so much time? So much has been written: Court

Court suggests that counsel give written submissions only.

We can give written submissions: Advocate Raghav Awasthi.

Guruswamy insists on oral submissions, says.

Court adjourns matter.

Liberty given to petitoners to file rejoinder.

Matter to be heard next on February 25.