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September 3, 2024.
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WPA No. 6229 of 2023
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Asiatic Society's Employees' Union and Another
Vs.
The Union of India and Others

Mr. Kallol Basu,
Mr. Suman Banerjee

... for the petitioners.

Mr. Souvik Nandy,
Mr. Arijit Majumder,

...for the Union of India.

Mr. Nandalal Singhania,
Ms. Sayani Roy Chowdhury

...for the respondent No. 2.

Mr. Rajib Ray

...for the respondent No. 5.

Pursuant to an order dated August 7, 2024, the Union of India is represented and seeks an opportunity to file their Affidavit-in-Opposition.

There appears to be no urgency on the part of any of the respondents in having this proceeding heard expeditiously.

Affidavit-in-Opposition filed by the PF authorities be kept with the records.

Though the petitioners have been enjoying an interim order, dated October 4, 2023 which has been extended from time to time, the respondents have shown no diligence in filing their respective pleadings.

It is submitted on behalf of the respondent No. 2 i.e. the Asiatic Society, that during the pendency of the writ petition, without prejudice to their rights and contentions, the Society has paid approximately a sum of Rs.17,17,000/- to the petitioners.

In view of the above, the time to file Affidavit-in-Opposition on behalf of the Union of India stands peremptorily extended till September 13, 2024. Affidavit-in-Reply thereto, if any, be filed by September 20, 2024.

Let this matter appear on September 23, 2024.

The interim order dated October 4, 2023 stands extended till September 30, 2024.

(Ravi Krishan Kapur, J.)