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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
ORIGINAL SIDE

WPO/341/2025

ANANDA MARGA PRACARAKA SAMGHA AND ANR.
VERSUS
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

BEFORE :
THE HON'BLE JUSTICE RAJA BASU CHOWDHURY
Date : 26th June, 2025

Appearance :

Mr. Piyush Chaturvedi, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Anujit Mookherjee, Adv.
Mr. Prithish Chandra, Adv.
...for the petitioners
Mr. Amit Sharma, Adv.
...for the respondents

1. The present writ petition has been filed for a declaration that the order passed under Section 148A(3) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act') for the assessment year 2021-22 and the approval granted by the specified authority for issuance of notice under Section 148 of the said Act for the relevant year are bad.
2. Having heard Mr. Chaturvedi, learned senior advocate representing the petitioners and Mr. Sharma, learned advocate for the department, a question has arisen as to whether the petitioner is competent to represent the Ananda Marga Pracaraka Samgha having regard to the writ petition being WPA/22448/2024 filed by a rival group which fact has been brought to the notice of the Court by Mr. Chaturvedi. Having regard to the above, I am of the view that the above writ petition along with WPA/22448/2024 filed in the appellate side should be heard together with the connected applications in terms of the order dated 3rd October, 2024 passed in WPA/22448/2024.

3. Let the writ petition being WPA/3531/2024 filed by Mr. Chaturvedi's client in the Appellate Side be also taken up for consideration along with the above matters. Accordingly, I direct that the matter in the original side shall be taken up with the writ petitions as noted above together, on 10th July, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.

4. The petitioner in this writ petition is directed to communicate this order to the parties in both the writ petitions and to file affidavit of service to that effect when the matter is taken up next.

5. Mr. Sharma is directed to take instruction for further development, if any, in furtherance of order passed under Section 148A(3) of the said Act.

(RAJA BASU CHOWDHURY, J.)

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