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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

T.C.(C) No. 22/2001

Brij Mohan Lal

Petitioner

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Union of India & Ors.

Respondents

(With appln(s) for permission and directions and implement the directions and permission to place additional documents on record)(Office report)

(Office report with quarterly reports received form High Courts and State Govt. for directions)

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T.C.(C) No. 23/2001, SLP(C) No. 7870/2001, SLP(C) No. 10645/2001, T.P.(C) No. 407-410/2001

W.P.(C) No. 140/2005(With appln. For interim directions)

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UPON being mentioned the Court made the following

O R D E R

On 2.2.2007, this Court passed the following order:

"..... Keeping in view the fact that a large number of cases are pending in the said Courts, we request the High Court to consider the question as

to whether the work of the existing Fast Track Courts can be confined to

criminal matters and upon such consideration their views may be conveyed to

this Court.

Let the matter appear for hearing on the said issue on 30.3.2007.The

High Courts are requested to file their affidavits latest by 20.3.2007.

The State Governments are also directed to consider the proposal of

constituting Fast Track Courts at the CJM or Magisterial level, or both, at their own expense or with the support of the Central Government. Their views in this

behalf may be conveyed to this Court. Put up on 5.4.2007 for considering this aspect of the matter. Affidavits in this behalf should be filed by 26.3.2007.

The State Governments as also the High Courts must state on affidavit stating the reasons as to why the existing vacancies have not yet been filled up."

It is stated that the State of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Sikkim, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Andaman, Jharkhand have not given proper response and High Courts of Andaman, Assam, Chattisgarh, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Tamil Nadu have not given any response whatsoever. The responses of some of the States are also not clear.

We direct the above-mentioned State Governments to file proper affidavits keeping in view the directions issued by this Court on 2.2.2007 and as extracted hereinbefore.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order to the Chief Secretaries of the States concerned besides the High Courts concerned. We direct the Secretaries of the States named hereinbefore to file their responses within four weeks from date.

Put up after six weeks.

(Meenu Sethi)
Court Master

(Pushap Lata Bhardwaj)
Court Master

