

S U P R E M E      C O U R T   O F      I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No(s).3633-3634/2011

(From the judgement and order dated 20/03/2010 in WP No.399/2009 and order dated 19/11/2010 in RP No.7/2010 of the HIGH COURT OF GAUHATI AT AGARTALA)

STATE OF TRIPURA & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

SUBAL KUMAR DEY & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for c/delay in filing SLP, vacating stay and office report)

Date: 27/02/2012      These Petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AFTAB ALAM  
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RANJANA PRAKASH DESAI

For Petitioner(s)

Mr. Ranjit Kumar, Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Rituraj Biswas, Adv.  
for Mr. Gopal Singh, Adv. (NP)

For Respondent(s)

Mr. Sanjay Parikh, Adv.  
Mrs. Mamta Saxena, Adv.  
Mr. Pranav Raina, Adv.  
Mr. A.N. Singh, Adv.  
Ms. Anitha Shenoy, Adv. (NP)

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

Mr. Ranjit Kumar, senior advocate appearing for the petitioners, pointed out that according to the certificate by the Chartered Accountant firm, the circulation figure for the newspaper of respondent No.1 was 42,267 in June 2009 and according to the certificate by the Audit Bureau of Circulation, the figure stood at 26,832 as in June 2011.  
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Mr. Ranjit Kumar also accepted that circulation over 13,000 would qualify a newspaper to Category 'A', as per the guidelines of 2009.

He added that the Circulation Committee of the State Government, which meets normally at intervals of two months, is required to consider the case of the newspaper of respondent No.1 in light of the two certificates. He is, however, unable to tell the Court the next date for the meeting of the Circulation Committee of the State Government.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, we direct the Circulation Committee to hold its meeting so that a decision in the case of respondent No.1 may be taken by March 15, 2012.

Put up on March 23, 2012.

(N.S.K. Kamesh)  
Court Master

(Sneh Bala Mehra)  
Court Master