

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

WRIT PETITION [C] NO.535 OF 1998

SAHARA HOUSE

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

U.O.I. & ORS

Respondent(s)

(With office report)

With Writ Petition (C) No.512 of 1999
(With appln.(s) for ad-interim orders and amendment of the petition
and impleading party)

With Petition (C) No.61 of 2003
(With office report)

Writ Petition (C) No.311 of 2003
(With appln.(s) for intervention, directions, permission to file
additional documents and office report)

Date: 23/11/2004 These Petitions were called on for hearing today.

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

The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner in Writ Petition (C) No. 535 of 1998 seeks leave to withdraw the writ petition. The writ petition raises various issues of public interest. It is true that most of the points raised in Writ Petition (C) No.535 of 1998 are also subject-matter of connected Writ Petition (C) No.512 of 1999 but some orders passed, prior to the filing of Writ Petition (C) No. 512 of 1999, may also have to be referred to for adjudication of the points in issue. Under these circumstances, while permitting the learned counsel to withdraw from the case, we would continue with Writ Petition (C) No.535 of 1998 and would request Mr. Naveen R. Nath, learned advocate for the petitioners in Writ Petition (C) No. 512 of 1999 to also assist the Court in Writ Petition (C) No.535 of 1998, sought to be withdrawn, as amicus curiae.

On the request of Mr. N.N. Goswami, learned senior counsel appearing for the Union of India, one week's further time is granted to file the affidavit in terms of the order dated 2nd September, 2004. The petitioners may respond to the said affidavit within two weeks thereafter. If any new suggestions are made in response thereto by the petitioners, the learned senior counsel for the Union of India would have those suggestions examined and assist the Court so that the petitions may not be adjourned again.

List the writ petitions in the month of January, 2005.

[T.I. Rajput][V.P. Tyagi]
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