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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CIVIL APPEAL NO. 8122 of 2004
Venkat Pundir and Anr. â¬ ¦Appellants
VERSUS
Rafiq Ahmad Siddiqui & Ors. â¬ ¦Respondents
O R D E R
This appeal arises out of an interim order passed by a Single Judge of the High Court of Uttaranchal at Nainital whereby the High Court has directed the parties to maintain status quo in regard to a disputed graveyard with a further direction that the Waqf Commissioner and S.S.P. Dehradun shall ensure the protection of the burial rights of the petitioners in the writ petition.
When this special leave petition came up for preliminary hearing on 9.2.2004, this Court had while issuing notice stayed the operation of the impugned order. That order has continued for nearly 13 years now. Special leave to appeal was also granted in this case as early as in December, 2004. The appeal could not, however, be taken up for final hearing despite lapse of considerable time.
No one appears today on behalf of the appellants. Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad, learned counsel for respondents No.1 to 3 is also not

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present. Be that as it may, Writ Petition No.1340 of 2003 may also have been disposed of by the High Court during this long interval. At any rate, if the matter is still pending before the High Court, it would do well to take up and dispose the same of on merits as expeditiously as possible. In that view, we do not see any reason to keep this case on our board. While we continue the interim order of stay granted by us by our order dated 9.2.2004 for a period of six months, we request the High Court to dispose of the writ petition itself at an early date, if not already disposed of. The appeal is with that observation disposed of.
Contempt Petition (C) No. 590 of 2004 in CA No.8122 of 2004
In the light of the order that we have passed in the main appeal, we see no reason to keep this contempt petition pending. The contempt petition is also accordingly dispose of.
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(T.S. Thakur)

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(Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud)
NEW DELHI;
December 1, 2016

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ITEM NO.114 COURT NO.1 SECTION X
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(with office report)
WITH
CONMT.PET.(C) No. 590/2004 In C.A. No. 8122/2004
Date : 01/12/2016 This appeal was called on for hearing today.
CORAM :
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
For Appellant(s) Mr. Dinesh Kumar Garg,Adv. (NP)

Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad,Adv.
For Respondent(s) Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad,Adv. (NP)
Mr. R. C. Kaushik,Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

The appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order.
In the light of the order passed in the main appeal, the contempt petition is accordingly disposed of.

(Shashi Sareen) (Veena Khera)
AR-cum-PS Court Master

(Signed order is placed on the file)