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SLP(C)No. 3668 OF 2003

ITEM No.35

Court No. 1

SECTION IVA

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.3668/2003

(From the judgement and order dated 12/11/2002 in WP 21618/2002
of The HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE)

UNION OF INDIA

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

K.S. GOPINATH & ORS.

Respondent (s)

(With appln. for clarification/modification of Court's order and
prayer for interim relief)

With

S.L.P.(C) No. 14228 of 2003

(With appln. for c/delay in filing SLP, c/delay in refiling SLP and
prayer for interim relief)

S.L.P.(C) No. 14233 of 2003

(With appln. for c/delay in filing SLP, c/delay in refiling SLP and
prayer for interim relief)

W.P.(C) No. 423 of 2003

With I.A. No. 2 - Application for permission to file addl. documents

Date : 21/11/2003 These Petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.B. SINHA

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

S.L.P. (C) Nos. 3668, 14228 and 14233 of 2003:

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

Stay to continue.

W.P.(C) No. 423 of 2003:

I.A. No. 2 is allowed.

Issue rule.

Mr. P. Parmeswaran, learned counsel, accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents. It is clarified that the scope of the writ petition is confined to the policy matter in regard to essential drugs.

In the meantime, the parties may exchange their affidavits.

Liberty to mention in the second week of January, 2004.

[Alka Dudeja] [Janki Bhatia]
Court Master Court Master