

SLP(C)No. 3668 OF 2003
ITEM No.17

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.
(With prayer for interim relief)

Respondent (s)

Date : 10/03/2003 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.B. SINHA
HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE AR. LAKSHMANAN

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For Respondent (s)Dr. Ashok Nigam, Sr.Adv.
Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram, Sr.Adv.
Ms. Binu Tamta,Adv.

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

Issue notice.

Ms. Binu Tamta, learned counsel, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 and 2. She prays for and is allowed two weeks' time to file counter affidavit. Two weeks' time thereafter is granted to file rejoinder affidavit. List after four weeks.

Meanwhile, we suspend the operation of the order to the extent it directs that the Policy dated 15.2.2002 shall not be implemented. However, we direct that the petitioner shall consider and formulate appropriate criteria for ensuring essential and life saving drugs not to fall out of price control and further directed to review drugs which are essential and life saving in nature till 2nd May, 2003.

(Alka Dudeja) (S. Krishnan)
Court Master Court Master