

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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 83 OF 2005

MANZOOR ALI KHAN & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

U.O.I. & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for impleadment and office report)

Date: 28/07/2006 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.H. KAPADIA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.K. THAKKER

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Such of the respondents who have not filed counter affidavits are directed to file the same within six weeks. The affidavits shall also disclose the guidelines, if any, for incurring expenditure of the nature complained of in the petition, particularly full or half page advertisements in the nature of congratulatory messages on the birthday of one or the other leader of one or the other political party. Prima facie, the matter requires, first of all, a reflection by the Central Government and all the State Governments/Union Territories and of major political parties.

Notices shall be served on the Standing counsel of the State Governments/Union Territories, who are not parties to the writ petition. The Standing counsel can collect a copy of the writ petition from Mr. D.K. Garg, learned advocate. Even though no parties, the said Governments shall also file the affidavits in terms of this order.

The writ petition is adjourned for eight weeks.

[T.I. Rajput]

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[V.P. Tyagi]

Assistant Registrar