

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

CIVIL APPEAL NO(s). 2681 OF 2007

KRANTI Appellant (s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondent(s)

(With office report)

Date: 06/03/2013 This Appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.L. DATTU
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPAK MISRA

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Ms.Sunita Sharma, Adv.
For Mr. D.S. Mahra,Adv.

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

On the last date of hearing, we had directed the learned counsel appearing for the appellant to inform us about the direction which requires to be issued to the respondent - Union of India in regard to the calamity caused by the Tsunami which hit the Andaman & Nicobar Islands on 26th December, 2004. Pursuant to the direction so issued, learned Counsel had prepared a list of 15 priorities that are required to be attended immediately by the respondent-Union of India.

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On the request made by the respondent-Union of India, we had granted them sufficient time to attend to all the requests made in the list filed before this Court by the Appellant.

Now an affidavit has been filed by the respondent-Union of India wherein they have stated that they have completed all the priorities pointed out by the appellant except priority No. 15.

We take on record the affidavit of compliance filed by the respondent - Union of India.

Insofar as the priority No. 15 is concerned, the Union of India states that they will not be in a position to withdraw the cases which were

instituted against the protesters protesting against poor construction and for speedy construction of shelters etc. We are not impressed by the justification submitted by the Union of India that they cannot withdraw the cases against the protesters. Therefore, we now direct the Union of India to withdraw all the cases pending against the protesters, before various Civil and Criminal Courts, who were protesting against the poor construction and for speedy construction of their shelters etc. as expeditiously as possible, at any rate within one month's time from today.

Call the matter on 09.04.2013.

Ordered accordingly.

(G.V.Ramana)
Court Master

(Vinod Kulvi)
Court Master