

SUPR EME COUR T OF I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO(s). 230 OF 2001

M.K. BALAKRISHNAN & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for directions and impleadment as party respondent and with office report)

WITH S.L.P.(C) NO.5822 OF 2006

Date: 11/08/2009 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following  
ORDER

Heard Shri Gopal Subramaniam, learned Solicitor General of India and Shri Gopal Sankaranarayanan, learned counsel for the petitioners.

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Pursuant to our order dated 28 April, 2009, Dr.

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T.Ramasami, Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, is personally present in the Court. We have perused the first Progress Report submitted by the Committee, appointed by us, of which he is the Chairman. We record our appreciation of the commendable job done by the Committee. From a perusal of the Report, it appears that the Committee has meticulously gone into great detail and prepared a thorough and excellent plan to solve the water shortage problem in the country.

We would request the Committee to continue its work on a war footing and try to stick to the time Schedule prepared by it. We place on record our appreciation of the commendable job done by Dr. Ramasami and his Committee.

The Central Government and all the State Governments and Union Territories In India are directed to extend full support to this committee viz. technical, financial and administrative so that the great problem of water shortage in the country may be solved. We would request the Committee to also find out some measures to alleviate the immediate crisis which people in large parts of the Country are facing because of the monsoon failure this year in many parts.

The Secretary General of this Court is directed to send a copy of this Order along with a copy of the first Progress Report submitted by the Committee to the Cabinet Secretary of the Central Government and Chief Secretary of all States and Union Territories for extending full support to this Committee.

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List this matter on 20 October, 2009.

(Parveen Kr. Chawla)  
Court Master

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Court Master