

JUDGMENT

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). 171 OF 2004

M/S. CRAWFORD BAYLEY & CO., BOMBAY & ORS

Appellant (s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

With

Civil Appeal NO. 172 of 2004,

Civil Appeal NO. 5990 of 2004,

W.P(C) NO. 168 of 2004,

W.P(C) NO. 244 of 2004

Date: 05/07/2006 These Appeals were called on for judgement today.

For Appellant(s) Mrs Manik Karanjawala, Adv.

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Mr. V.B. Joshi, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Sanjay Kapur, Adv.

Mr. Rajiv Kapur, Av.

Mrs. Shubra Kapur, Adv.

Ms. Arti Singh, Adv.

Mr. Rameshwar Prasad Goyal ,Adv

Ms. Laxmi Arvind, Adv.

Mr. M.K. Garg, Adv.

Mr. Niraj Sharma, Adv.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Mathur pronounced the judgment of the Bench comprising

Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.K. Sema and self.

These appeals/writ petitions are dismissed in terms of the signed judgment. No order as

to costs.

(Pardeep Kumar)

(Radha R. Bhatia)

Court Master

Court Master

[Signed reportable judgment is placed on the file]

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judge in his own cause. This Court in the case of Delhi Financial Corpn. And Another Vs. Rajiv Anand and Others reported in (2004) 11 SCC 625 has already laid down parameters. Applying those parameters we hold that there is no personal bias of Estate Officer in these proceedings because he has no personal interest. However, this will further depend upon facts of each case and no generalization can be made. However, in the present case, there is no such bias and even there is remote chance after the statement made by learned Addl. Solicitor General.

In this view of the matter, we do not find any merit in these appeals/writ petitions hence, they are dismissed. The Estate

Officer may now proceed and dispose of the matters expeditiously.

No order as to costs.

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[A.K. MATHUR]

NEW DELHI

JULY 5, 2006