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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Civil Appeal No. of 2002@@  
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(arising out of SLP(C) No. 9511 of 2001)

Tejinder Kaur ...Appellant (s)

Versus

Sarla Gopalan & Ors. ...Respondent(s)

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Leave granted.

In view of the judgment of this Court in Pallav Seth@@  
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v. Custodian & Ors. reported in 2001 (7) SCC 549, the@@  
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conclusion of the High Court in the impugned judgment that the contempt proceedings stand barred by limitation under Section 20, is not correct. We, therefore, set aside the impugned order and direct the High Court to take up the contempt proceeding and dispose it of on merits in accordance with law.

In the contempt proceeding that was filed before the High Court only two respondents were impleaded as the alleged contemnors. In this Court, the petitioner has arrayed as many as seven as party-respondents. The contempt proceeding being an original proceeding in the nature of a criminal proceeding, it would not be open for any party to add parties in this Court who were not parties before the original court. The respondents other than the respondents who were not parties in the original contempt proceeding are, therefore, not necessary parties until and unless the petitioner makes an application

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before the original court and the original court allows the same.

The High Court would do well in disposing of the contempt proceeding at an early date. This appeal stands disposed of accordingly.

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New Delhi;  
January 18, 2002

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ITEM No.202

Court No. 3

SECTION XIV  
A/N MATTER

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No.9511/2001  
(From the judgement and order dated 03/02/2001 in CCP 316/95  
of The HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT N. DELHI)

TEJINDER KAUR

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

SARLA GOPALAN & ORS.

Respondent (s)

( With Appln(s). for summoning the file )  
( For Final Disposal )  
( With Office Report )

Date : 18/01/2002 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.B. PATTANAIAK  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.P. SETHI  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARIJIT PASAYAT

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following  
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Leave granted.

The appeal stands disposed of in terms of the signed order.

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(J.S. Rawat)  
Court Master

(V.P. Tyagi)  
Court Master

(Signed order is placed on the file)