

SLP(C)No. 8449 OF 2003
ITEM No.43

Court No. 9

SECTION XV
A/N MATTER

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No.8449/2003

(From the judgement and order dated 29/01/2003 in DBCSA 2899/02
of The HIGH COURT OF RAJASTHAN AT JODHPUR)

STATE OF RAJASTHAN & ANR.

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

SHER SINGH SONGARA

Respondent (s)

(With prayer for interim relief)

Date : 19/01/2004 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.G. BALAKRISHNAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.N. SRIKRISHNA

For Petitioner (s) Mr. Ranji Thomas, Adv.
Mrs. Bharati Upadhyaya, Adv.
Mr. V.N. Raghupathy, Adv.

For Respondent (s)

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

Learned Single Judge of the Rajasthan High Court while considering a writ petition issued a direction to the effect that Rajasthan Civil Services Appellate Tribunal should also regularly sit one week in a month as per its convenience at Jodhpur so that people of western region of Rajasthan may get cheap and speedy justice. Aggrieved by this direction the State preferred an appeal before the Division Bench but with a delay of 537 days. The Division Bench was not pleased to condone the delay

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in filing the appeal and the appeal was rejected. Against that order the State is before us. Notice was issued to the respondent but he has not entered appearance possibly because he is not interested in the present controversy. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners. The counsel for the petitioners submitted that this direction will cause serious inconvenience and as a large number of cases filed before principal judge, Jaipur, therefore tribunal will not be able to sit one week on each month at Jodhpur. But in the impugned direction it is stated that the tribunal hold sittings at Jodhpur subject to its convenience. We find that the Chairman of the tribunal can consider the matter and can hold sittings in Jodhpur depending on the convenience and other relevant considerations. We think the impugned order only says that tribunal shall periodically sit in Jodhpur in accordance with the rules. The special leave petition is dismissed with the above observations.

(R.K. DHAWAN) (VEERA VERMA)
COURT MASTER COURT MASTER