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W.P(C)No. 196 OF 2001  
ITEM No.42

Court No. 4

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

Writ Petition(Civil) No.196/2001

PEOPLE'S UNION FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent (s)

( With Appln(s). for interim Relief and interim directions & permission to  
submit additional documents and office report)  
( With appln. for permission to file addl. documents )  
( For further consideration)

Date : 16/01/2004 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

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

On request of learned Solicitor General, the case is adjourned. In the meanwhile, reply to the I.A. filed by Union of India may be filed.

I.A.No.31

We have perused the Report annexed to I.A. No.31 of 2003. The Report seems to be as a result of visit of Sukumar Gaine, Convenor, Right to Food & Work West Bengal Network and Anuradha Talwar, Advisor to the Commissioners appointed by this Court, to Tea Plantations in Jalpaiguri District between 12th December, 2003 to 14th December, 2003. The Report reveals alarming state of affairs. The State of West Bengal shall respond to the Report and, in the meanwhile, take such action as it may consider appropriate having regard to the various aspects and incidents of malnutritions and other problems highlighted in the Report. The response be filed within 10 days.

In the meanwhile, the Commissioners are also requested to give their suggestions on the aspects highlighted in the Report, particularly, on directions 1 to 7 sought for in the Report. List after two weeks.

(S. Thapar)

PS to Registrar

(V.P. Tyagi)

Court Master