

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CIVIL APPEAL NO(s). 2479 OF 2008(FOR PREL. HEARING)

UNION OF INDIA Appellant (s)

VERSUS

HUGHES COMMUNICATIONS INDIA LTD. Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for ex-Parte stay and office report)

Date: 16/04/2008 This Appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALTAMAS KABIR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MARKANDEY KATJU

For Appellant(s) Mr. Gopal Subramaniam, ASG.
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For Respondent(s)
Mr. Arun Jaitley, Sr. Adv.
Mr. S. Udaya Kumar Sagar, Adv.
Ms. Bina Madhavan, Adv.
Mr. Hemal K. Sheth, Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
ORDER
Issue notice.

Ms. Bina Madhavan, learned advocate who is advocate-on-record for the respondent, is present on caveat. Let notice of the appeal be served on her and let service on the respondent be, therefore, deemed to be complete.

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Having heard the learned Additional Solicitor General and learned senior counsel for the respective parties, we are of the view that this matter needs to be disposed of at an early date along with two other pending appeals - one filed by the appellant herein and other by the respondent being C.A. No.363/2008 and C.A.No.5059/2007, as they are all connected matters. As far as this appeal is concerned, the respondent will be at liberty to file counter affidavit within two weeks; rejoinder, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter. Pleadings as far as the other two appeals are concerned, be also completed in the aforesaid matter.

Let all the appeals be listed for hearing four weeks hence for final hearing.

In the meantime, the interim orders passed in this matter shall continue. However, liberty is given to the respondent herein to apply for suitable interim orders in C.A.No. 363/2008.

(Sheetal Dhingra)
Court Master

(Radha R. Bhatia)
Court Master