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Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).330/2001

COMMON CAUSE, A REGD. SOCIETY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appln.(s) for directions)

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 44/2004

(With appln.(s) for directions and exemption from filing O.T. and may refer to remarks)

Date : 27/03/2015 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

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

In our order dated 6th February, 2015, we had required the Secretary in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India to inform Mr. K. Radhakrishnan, Sr. Advocate appearing for the

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Union of India whether the standards laid down for disposal of animal wastes and slurry and ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of meat animals require any update and/or modification due to the passage of time.

Mr. Radhakrishnan informs us that he has received instructions that an Expert Panel has been set up and the last meeting of the Expert Panel was held on 8 th July, 2014. He states, on the basis of instructions received that "the meeting of Expert Panel is expected shortly". He is unable to explain to us how "shortly" the Expert Panel is expected to meet. We are of the opinion that the instructions given to learned counsel are extremely vague. In any case, it appears from the information given to us by Mr. Radhakrishnan that the Expert Panel has not met for the last more than eight months. This

certainly cannot be understood to mean that the Expert Panel will meet shortly.

Mr. Radhakrishnan assures us that he will expedite the matter and ensure that the Expert Panel will meet within one month. For this adjournment which is totally unnecessary, we impose costs of Rs.5,000/- on the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India to be deposited with the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee within two weeks from today.

We had also directed the filing of an affidavit by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India with regard to the setting up of the State Committees and for overseeing the functioning of the slaughter houses in terms of our orders dated 23.08.2012 and 27.08.2013 and also directed that we should be informed whether all the States have set up the Committee in terms of our orders. The said affidavit was required to be filed within four weeks but it has still not been filed. Mr. Radhakrishnan submits that the affidavit will now be filed within two or three days.

For this delay in filing the affidavit, we impose costs of Rs.5,000/- on the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India to be deposited with the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee within two weeks from today.

The aforesaid amounts should be utilized by the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee for issues relating to juvenile justice.

List the matter on 1st May, 2015 on which date we expect Mr. Radhakrishnan to be fully instructed in the matter.

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