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W.P(C)No. 316 OF 1999
ITEM No.18

Court No. 7

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Writ Petition(Civil) No.316/1999

MURLI S.DEORA

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS

Respondent (s)

(With Appln(s). for dispensing with personal appearance on 8-3-2002
on behalf of Chief Secretary of State of UP and on behalf of Chief
Secretary of State of Uttranchal and taking the annexures as it is
on record & directions and office report)

Date : 08/03/2002 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
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Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Mr. Altaf Ahmed, learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the Union of India submits that a draft comprehensive Bill, namely, "The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill, 2001" has already been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 2002. He further seeks two weeks time for producing the draft of Bill on record. The prayer is granted.

Further, it has been pointed out by the learned counsel appearing for the respective States/Union Territories that in pursuance of the order dated 25th January, 2002, the Chief Secretaries of States /Union Territories, to whom notices were issued to remain present, are present in the Court. They submit that the directions issued by this Court are complied with by them to a great extent and affidavits are in this respect are filed. Considering the aforesaid facts, the personal presence of the Chief Secretaries of the concerned States/ Union Territories is dispensed with.

List this matter on 5th April, 2002.

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(D.L. Chugh)
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