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ITEM NO.16

COURT NO.13

SECTION PIL(W)

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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

I.A. 5/2016 in Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No.217/2015

BRIJENDRA SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA, THR. SECY.,

PMO & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(for amendment of memo of parties and office report)

Date : 02/01/2017 This application was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON&#39;BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD

[IN CHAMBERS]

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Kamleshwar Singh, Adv.

For Mr. Prakash Ranjan Nayak, AOR

For Respondent(s) Zoheb Hossain, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

I.A. No.5 of 2016 has been filed on behalf of the respondents seeking amendment of the memo of parties by deleting the name of the Principal Secretary, Prime Ministers Office from the array of parties and to substitute him with the Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The petition challenges a notification by which the Unique Identification Authority of India was constituted, besides which certain consequential relief has been sought, in regard to biometric data.

In support of the application for deletion, the respondents have relied upon the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961. Entry 14 of the relevant entries

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pertaining to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology refers to Unique Identification Authority of India. Moreover with the enactment of Aadhar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 the function of maintaining and up-dating the information of individuals in the central repository has been vested with the Unique Identification Authority of India.

In the circumstances, there is no reason or justification for continuing with the Principal Secretary, Prime Ministers Office as a respondent in the array of parties. The application for deletion is therefore allowed. Instead and in his place, the Union of India shall be represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The amendment in these terms shall be carried out within a period of two weeks from today and the amended memo of parties be filed.

The application is accordingly disposed of.

(RASHI GUPTA)

SR.P.A. (SUKHBIR PAUL KAUR)

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