

ITEM NO.502

COURT NO.2

SECTION X

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

Writ Petition (Civil) No.546/2000

ASHOK KUMAR JAIN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

(FOR DIRECTIONS)

WITH W.P.(C) No.60/2001 (X)

W.P.(C) No.132/2001 (X)

W.P.(C) No.451/2006 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No.255/2007 (X)

W.P.(C) No.269/2007 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No.312/2012 (X)

W.P.(C) No.1276/2018 (X)

Date : 01-11-2022 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

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WPC 546/2000

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

**IA No 162805 of 2022 In Writ Petition (Civil) No 546 of 2000**

- 1 The Interlocutory Application for seeking an amendment of the Petitions under Article 32 of the Constitution is allowed.
- 2 The amendment shall be carried out within a course of the week.
- 3 A reply to the petitions as amended may be filed within a period of three weeks.

**Transfer Petition (Civil) Diary No 34291 of 2022**

- 1 The learned Attorney General for India, who appears on behalf of the respondents with Mr Vikramjit Banerjee, Additional Solicitor General has no objection to the transfer petition being taken on Board.
- 2 The transfer petition is for the transfer of the proceedings which are pending before the High Court of Rajasthan (Jaipur Bench) to this Court since the issue which is raised is the same as sought to be canvassed in these proceedings.
- 3 Earlier on 8 May 2019, while disposing of Transfer Petition (Civil) No 648 of 2019, a two-Judge Bench of this Court had observed that the transfer petition

was being disposed of with liberty to the petitioners to make their submissions as and when the matter is taken up before the Constitution Bench.

- 4 Since there is no objection to the transfer, the transfer petition is allowed.
- 5 A compilation of all the records and proceedings in the transfer petition shall be filed in this Court to obviate any further delay.

**WP (C) No 546/2000, WP (C) No 60/2001, WP (C) No 132/2001, WP (C) No 451/2006, WP (C) No 255/2007, WP (C) No 269/2007, WP (C) No 312/2012 & WP (C) No 1276/2018**

- 1 Mr C A Sundaram, senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners and Mr R Venkataramani, Attorney General for India appearing on behalf of the respondents have agreed to certain procedural directions which would facilitate the hearing and disposal of the proceedings.
- 2 We accordingly issue the following directions:
  - (i) The parties shall file joint compilations consisting of written submissions; precedents; and any other documentary material on which reliance will be placed at the time of hearing;
  - (ii) A common index shall be prepared in three separate volumes of the above compilations; and
  - (iii) Mr Puneet Jain, counsel assisting Mr C A Sundaram and Ms Shruti Agarwal, counsel assisting Mr R Venkataramani shall act as the nodal counsel to ensure that soft copies of the compilations are prepared and circulated to the Bench and to the counsel appearing on behalf of the contesting parties. The soft copies of the compilations shall also be emailed to [cmvc.dyc@gmail.com](mailto:cmvc.dyc@gmail.com).

- 3 The above exercise shall be carried out within a period of four weeks.
- 4 It has been agreed that the senior counsel appearing on behalf of the contesting parties shall meet together and formulate in brief the salient issues which will arise for consideration in the course of deciding the reference before the Constitution Bench. Soft copies shall be circulated on the above email id.
- 5 The Registry shall provide PDF formats of all the pleadings in this batch of cases to the counsel with a common index. The pagination shall not thereafter be changed so as to facilitate reference during the course of the arguments.
- 6 The proceedings shall be listed for directions on 29 November 2022.

**(CHETAN KUMAR)**  
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