

have been found guilty of murder and sentenced to undergo life

imprisonment. In each of these special leave petitions, an

application has been made by the petitioner for being declared a

Juvenile and for the grant of benefit under the Juvenile Justice

(Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000.

In support of that

claim each one of the petitioners has placed on record a photocopy of

his school certificate, the originals of these certificates have not

been produced before us, even when we asked, counsel for the

petitioners to do so. He submitted that the original can be produced,

if sufficient time is granted for the purpose. We are not therefore

prima facie satisfied at this stage that there is a case for

directing an inquiry in terms of Section 7A of the Act.

In our

opinion, the appropriate course would be to direct the Registrar of

this Court to look into the certificate once the originals thereof

are produced before him by counsel for the petitioners and to verify

the genuineness of such certificates by making a reference to the

concerned school/Board authorities, who are said to have issued the

same. A report based on such verification shall be submitted by the

Registrar of this Court within two months.

Post after summer vacation along with the report.

(N.K. Goel) (Veena Khera)
Court Master Court Master