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W.P(C)No. 537 OF 1999

ITEM No.302 Court No. 3 SECTION PIL
A/N MATTER

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

Writ Petition(Civil) No.537/1999

COMMON CAUSE (A REGD.SOCIETY) Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ANR Respondent (s)

(With Appln(s). for directions)
(For Final Disposal)
(With Office Report)

Date : 05/04/2002 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.B. PATTANAIK
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.G. BALAKRISHNAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BRIJESH KUMAR

For Petitioner (s) Mr. Ashwini Kumar,Sr.Adv.
Mr. Rajiv Nanda,Adv.
Mr. Ramni Taneja,Adv.

For Respondent (s) Mr. H.N. Salve,S.G.
M/s. Sanjay R.Hegde & Satya Mitra,Advs.for
Mrs Anil Katiyar,Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
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Heard Mr. Ashwini Kumar for the petitioner and the learned Solicitor General for the Railway Administration. In view of the stand taken in the counter affidavit, it appears that only the finance that stand on the way for implementing the several safety measures, which are indicated in several Expert Committee Report. The lack of resources cannot be a ground to avoid safety in Railway travel. The Court would, therefore, have to consider all the relevant materials and issue appropriate direction as to how in a phased manner different safety levels suggested can be implemented. But

before issuing any such direction, it would be appropriate for the Court to know as to how much money is going to be spent by the Railway Administration towards safety measures of the Railway passengers, and what are the proposed new lines, which the Railway Administration intends to put up and how much money is required for that purpose. An affidavit in this

regard be filed within eight weeks from today. This is vitally necessary because there is no point in extending the lines for travelling without even securing the safety of the passengers, who are travelling by the existing lines.

Put up after three months.

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(Y.P.Dhamija)
Court Master

(Suneet Bala Sharma)
Court Master