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ITEM NO.23

COURT NO.5

SECTION XVII

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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Civil Appeal No(s).4143/2012

JANAJAGRITHI SAMITHI (REGD.)

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(WITH APPLN. (S) FOR stay and Office Report)

Date : 03/03/2017 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

The appellant is aggrieved by the construction of transmission lines from Udupi to Hassan.

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According to learned counsel for the appellant, the construction work had started even before forest clearance was obtained under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. According to learned counsel for the respondents, the construction work had started in non-forest area.

Without going into this question for the time being, we request the Central Empowered Committee to give us a report within six weeks of the possible environmental damage that may have been caused by the construction on the basis of the allegations made by the appellant. The CEC may also look into the compliance of the conditions imposed while granting forest clearance and inform us accordingly. Of course, the respondent â- Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. will also be heard by the CEC. The report may be given in eight weeks.

List the matter immediately after the report from the CEC is received.

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