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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal(Crl.)...../2000

(From the judgement and order dated 12/03/1999 in CRLMC 6356/98
of The HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM)

STATE OF KERALA & ANR.

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

T. HAMZA HAJI & ORS.

Respondent (s)

(With Crl.M.P. No 6780/2000 for c/delay in filing SLP)

Date : 15/01/2001 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.T. THOMAS
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.P. SETHI

For Petitioner (s) Mr. T.L.Viswanatha Iyer,Sr.Adv.
Mr. M.K.Damodaran,A.G.
Mr. Jyothish A.P.,adv.
Mr. G. Prakash,Adv.
Ms. Beena Prakash,adv.

For Respondent (s)

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
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Mr. M.K.Damodaran, learned Advocate General is present today. The delay of 416 days is said to be explained through an affidavit sworn to by one S.Hemlata-Under Secretary in the Criminal Section of the office of the Advocate General. The said affidavit shows that at several stages inordinate delay had crept in and most of such delay could have been avoided. As we have noted

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similar delay in certain other matters also coming to this Court from the office of the Advocate General, Kerala we wanted a more responsible explanation in the matter. Mr. Damodaran, Advocate General submitted that he would consider evolving a shceme to prevent such delay to occur in future. Such a scheme is necessary particularly on

account of the long distance between his office situated at Kochi and the Supreme Court situated in Delhi. Otherwise matters which have to reach the Supreme Court will undergo further delay. The offer made by the Advocate General is recorded. The delay is condoned in the special circumstances.

Issue notice.

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(Suman Wadhwa)
PA to Addl.Regr.

(H.K. Bhatia)
Court Master