

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(s). 198 OF 2011

MAHAN DAL

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for interim Relief)

WITH W.P(C) NO. 201 of 2011

(With office report)

W.P(C) NO. 206 of 2011

(With appln(s) for ex-parte stay and directions and office report)

W.P(C) NO. 237 of 2011

(With appln(s) for ex-parte stay and office report)

W.P(C) NO. 276 of 2011

(With appln(s) for permission to appear and argue in person and office report)

W.P(C) NO. 283 of 2011

(With appln(s) for exemption from filing O.T. and office report)

SLP(C) NO. 18792 of 2011

(With appln(s) for exemption from filing C/C of the impugned judgment and with prayer for interim relief and office report)

Date: 24/04/2012

These Petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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For Petitioner(s)

W.P.(C) No. 198/11

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W.P.(C) no. 201/11

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W.P. (C) No. 206/11

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W.P. (C) No. 237/11

Petitioner-in-person

SLP(C) No. 18792/11

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W.P. (C) No. 276/11

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W.P. (C) No. 283/11

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For Respondent(s)

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

W.P. (C) No. 198/2011

This is a writ petition for quashing the composition of the Joint Drafting Committee by the resolution dated 8th April, 2011 of the respondent to prepare the draft of the Lokpal Bill.

Since the Joint Drafting Committee has already completed its work and submitted its proposals to the Government, this writ petition has become infructuous and is accordingly dismissed.

W.P. (C) No. 201/2011

No one appears to press this writ petition. Even otherwise, the writ petition has become infructuous. The writ petition is dismissed as having become infructuous.

W.P. (C) No. 206/2011

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner who appears in person and states that he will withdraw the writ petition and seek appropriate remedy before the concerned authorities.

The writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

W.P. (C) No. 237/2011

The petitioner who appears in person states that this writ petition has become infructuous. The writ petition accordingly is dismissed as infructuous.

W.P. (C) No. 276/2011

No one appears to press this writ petition. Even otherwise, the writ petition has become infructuous. The writ petition is dismissed as having become infructuous.

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W.P. (C) No. 283/2011

No one appears to press this writ petition. Even otherwise, the writ petition has become infructuous. The writ petition is dismissed as having become infructuous.

SLP(C) No. 18792/2011

In this special leave petition, the petitioner has challenged the order of the Jharkhand High Court dated 23rd June, 2011 dismissing W.P. (PIL) No. 2785 of 2011. By the writ petition, the petitioner had challenged the Resolution dated 8th April, 2011 of the Ministry of Law and Justice constituting a Joint Drafting Committee to prepare a draft of the Lokpal Bill. As the Joint Drafting Committee has already completed its work and submitted its proposals to the Government, no useful purpose will be served by entertaining this special leave petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that in the impugned order, the High Court has recorded a finding that an action which causes no harm to anyone or which affects nobody's right cannot be a cause of action for challenge and this finding is not correct.

While dismissing this special leave petition, we observe that the aforesaid finding of the High Court will not constitute a precedent.

(DEEPAK MANSUKHANI)
Court Master

(M.S. NEGI)
Court Master