

SECTION-IIA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1255, 1256 and 1367 OF 1999**

PEOPLE'S UNION FOR LIBERTIES & ANR.

...APPELLANTS

VERSUS

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ORS.

...RESPONDENT

**OFFICE REPORT**

The matters above-mentioned were listed before the Hon'ble Court on 23rd September, 2014 when the Court pronounced Reportable Order with regard to requirements/norms to be observed in investigating police encounters. The copy of the said Order dated 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2014 has been reportable in 2014(10)SCC 635.

It is submitted that matters above-mentioned were listed before the Hon'ble Court on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, when the Hon'ble Court was pleased to pass the following Order:

**"1. We are informed, that the services of Mr.Gopal Sankaranarayanan, advocate, were sought as an amicus curiae, by this Court on 28.08.2014. He has been appearing in these cases, ever-since. No payment has been released to him as of now. We therefore direct the Registry of this Court, to release the payment to Mr.Gopal Sankaranarayanan, in consonance with the Rules of this Court, within one week from today. In addition thereto, an additional amount of Rs.1,00,000/- (rupees one lakh) be also released to him, for administrative expenses, and for out of pocket expenses, for preparing the compilations and other paper-work, that need to be placed on the record of the case. The instant payment shall also be released to the learned amicus curiae, within one week from today.**

**2. A perusal of the motion bench order dated 03.09.2014 reveals, that this Court had inter alia directed as under:**

“As regards the propriety and procedure of media briefing by police personnel, we think it is appropriate if the learned amicus curiae prepares a questionnaire and circulates that to the learned Solicitor General, advocates-on-record appearing for the State Governments, Mr.Surat Singh, petitioner-in-person in Writ Petition No.316 of 2008, within two weeks. Counsel for the Union of India, State Governments and others may submit their response within six weeks of the receipt of the questionnaire and supply copy of the response to learned amicus curiae. Order accordingly.”

3. A questionnaire was accordingly prepared by the learned amicus curiae, and circulated amongst learned counsel for the respondents.

4. In addition to the above, this Court, by its order dated 01.12.2016, also directed as under:

“Mr.Tushar Mehta, learned ASG appearing for the State of Gujarat proposes to file a short note on the issues involved in these petitions. Mr.Gopal Sankaranarayanan, learned Amicus circulated a questionnaire to which learned counsel for some of the States have responded and some more remain to respond. Mr.K.Radhakrishnan, learned counsel for the Union of India also seeks time to respond to the questionnaire. Let the needful be done by the Union of India as also the other States who have not responded to the questionnaire within four weeks.

Learned counsel for the Union of India may also respond to the guidelines placed on record by the National Human Rights Commission.”

In order to comply with the motion bench order dated 01.12.2016, Mr.Radhakrishnan, learned senior counsel representing the Union of India, and learned counsel representing some of the State Governments,

seek one further opportunity, to respond to the questionnaire. Prayer is allowed. The Union of India, as also, the State Governments may submit their responses to the questionnaire, within two weeks from today. In case, no such response is submitted within two weeks from today, it will be assumed, that they have nothing to say, in furtherance of the questionnaire.

6. Learned amicus curiae shall prepare a compilation of the responses, and a summary of the proposals made at the hands of the Union of India, as also, the State Governments, and submit the same for consideration of this Court within one week thereafter.

7. Post for hearing on 22.03.2017.”

It is submitted that, as directed above, payment of Rs.1,10,000/- (Rupees one lakh ten thousand only) was made to Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, Advocate (AC) for Amicus Curiae services and other additional administrative expenses for preparing the compilations and other paper works.

It is further submitted that in the matters above-mentioned, till date following Reply Affidavits have been filed in response to the questionnaire circulated by Ld. Amicus Curiae and have been included in the paper books.

S. No.	Advocate Name	Date of filing	Document	Paper Page Nos.	Book
1.	Mr. Anil K. Chopra	12-11-2014	Counter Affidavit on behalf of Chandigarh Administration	703-715	
2.	Mr. Krishnanand Pandey	25-03-2015	Counter Affidavit on behalf of State of Jharkhand	716-724	
3.	Mr. Gopal Singh	02-02-2015	Reply on behalf of State of Bihar	Separate Paper-book	
4.	Ms. Ruchi Kohli	12-01-2015	Compliance Affidavit on behalf of State of Rajasthan	Separate Paper-book	
5.	Mr. Nirnimesh Dubey	16-10-2015	Affidavit on behalf of State of Goa	Separate Paper-book	

6	Mr. Jatinder Kr. Bhatia	21-02-2017	Affidavit on behalf of State of Uttarakhand	Separate Paper-book
7	Mr. C.D. Singh	06-02-2017 23-02-2017	Affidavit on behalf of State of Chhattisgarh	Separate Paper-book
8	Mr. V.G. Pragasam	27-02-2017	Affidavit on behalf of Govt. of Union Territory of Puducherry	Separate Paper-book
9	Mr. M. Yogesh Kanna	20-03-2017	Affidavit on behalf of State of Tamilnadu	Separate Paper-book

It is further submitted that Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, Advocate (AC) has also not filed compilation of the responses filed by the States, so far.

The appeals above-mentioned are listed before the Hon'ble Court with this Office Report.

DATED this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.

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