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ITEM NO.205

Court No.4

SECTION PIL

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). 316 OF 2008

SURAT SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for stay)
(For Final Disposal)

WITH CONMT.PET.(C) NO. 47 of 2011
(For Final Disposal)

WITH T.C.(C) NO. 27 of 2011

Date: 02/12/2013 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

I. These cases were filed having a very wide compass. However, today, we are concerned as under what circumstances and in what manner the investigating officer of any sensitive criminal case should furnish the information to the media with regard to the on-going investigation.

Upon the oral direction of the Court, the opinion of the State was sought by the Union of India on four questions, viz.

(i) Whether the press briefing to the media by the police is regulated by any rules?

(ii) Whether the press briefing given to the media is given only by the person authorised and that too whether verbally or in writing?

(iii) What is the procedure in the CBI regarding the Press Briefing?

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(iv) Whether copies of all Press Releases issued by the Department concerned are maintained by the Department including Police Department?

Issue notice to all the States and Union Territories who are not the party before this Court. They may file their response within six weeks.

II. A copy of the documents by the petitioner-in-person be furnished upon Ms. Shobha, learned counsel who appears on behalf of the NHRC and we request the NHRC to examine the issues and frame guidelines also and on the next date of hearing, the same may be placed before the Court.

List after eight weeks.

	(DEEPAK MANSUKHANI)		(M.S. NEGI)	
	Court Master		Court Master	