

Central Government. In this background, the petitioner has filed I.A.No.5 of 2009 for appointment of an impartial committee to de novo consider the feasibility of the project after collecting and studying the requisite data.

When the matter was listed on 03.11.2009, it was submitted on behalf of the Central Government that the report was not received and further time was sought.

Matters were adjourned to enable the Union of India to file an affidavit in regard to the status of the Expert Committee report.

The counter affidavit dated 08.12.2009 now filed on behalf of Union of India states that the Expert Committee appointed by the Union of India has met on 05.06.2009 and again on 10.11.2009 and decided to carry out a full-fledged

Assessment to enable it to decide the possible impact of alignment 4 A. It was also stated that the National Institute of Oceanography would be nominated for conducting the

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study for Environmental Impact Assessment for which eighteen months time will be required. As nearly 17 months have elapsed, the request for another 18 months appears to be not very feasible. In the circumstances, Mr.Rawal, learned Addl.Solicitor General sought time to secure instructions regarding a more definite time schedule. Hence adjourned to 23.02.2010.

(G.V.Ramana)
Court Master

(Veera Verma)
Court Master