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

There is long standing dispute with respect to Satluj-Yamuna Link Canal for which the decree dated 15.01.2002 has also been passed by this Court but it remains unexecuted. This Court has passed several orders lastly on 11.07.2017 to work out some amiable and amicable settlement acceptable to the parties. However, learned Attorney General for India stated that in spite of several meetings held at the highest level so far no solution has been arrived at. Thus, learned Attorney General for India has insisted that the parties be directed to place their stand before this Court that how the decree can be executed. Government of India may also place the alternative method for satisfying the needs of the State of Haryana as well as that of State of Rajasthan, in case it is not possible to execute the decree passed by this Court. Suffice it to say, without meaning to decide, that once a decree has been passed ordinarily it has to be executed. However, with respect to the executability plethora of events that have taken place necessitated even the Presidential Reference. Both the State of Punjab and Haryana are at loggerheads.

In such a situation without meaning to comment on the merits of the submissions of the rival parties with respect to the executability of the decree passed by this Court, we request the Chief Ministers of both the States to form a committee of officers

and also to ensure that both of them deliberate with the intervention of the Central Government at the highest level and if possible to work out a solution. Any alternative can only be one which is acceptable in toto to the State of Haryana and Rajasthan. The order is without prejudice to the submissions to be raised in the main matter in case deliberations fail and it is not possible to reach to any solution by the parties. We hope and trust that functionaries of both the States will rise to the occasion to find out a solution which is in the interest of all and ultimately if this Court is required to hear the matter on merits definitely we will do so.

Let the matter come up on 03.09.2019.

In the meantime, efforts be made to find out a solution.

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