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W.P(Crl.)No. 197-198 OF 2004
ITEM No.1

Court No. 5

SECTION PIL
A/N MATTER

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(Crl.) No. 197-198/2004

RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' & ANR.

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent (s)

(With appln.(s) for permission to file additional affidavit
and c/delay in filing rejoinder and permission to file
additional affidavit and office report)
(For directions)

Date : 17/03/2005 These Petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.N. VARIAVA
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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.H.KAPADIA

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For UOIMr. G.E. Vahanvati, SG
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Mr. P. Parmeswaran,Adv.
Mr. B.V. Balaram Das,Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

The statement made by this Court on 15th March, 2005 had been that "it had been indirectly enquired whether the High Court could transfer the Special Judge trying the case and the reply had been the High Court could do what it wants and we would do what we think necessary." Counsel had then interjected that pressures were being brought on Judges. Because of the large scale coverage by the media and the consequent controversy it has become necessary for this Court to clarify that it was not mentioned or implied by me that pressure had been brought on me to have the Special Judge changed. There has been no such pressure. It is to be clarified that no one from the High Court or on behalf of the High Court had enquired of me. The person concerned has since clarified to me that the enquiry was just an academic inquiry. I am satisfied that the explanation is correct and my original inference that there was an attempt to influence me was wrong. Hence this clarification to clear up the misunderstanding which has arisen. Let this clarification be a part of the record.
List on 12th April, 2005.

Anita

(Jasbir Singh)
Court Master