

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
 CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
 CIVIL APPEAL NO.6826 OF 2000

BRITISH AIRWAYS PLC

.....APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

....RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

This appeal is directed against an interim order dt.13.10.2000 passed by the Monopolies & Restrictive Trade Practices Commission, New Delhi (hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission') in RTPE No.68 of 2000.

This Court by its interim Order dt.08.12.2000 has however stayed the proceedings pending before the Commission and also stayed the operation of the impugned order which is still in force. Since seven years have already elapsed and as the interim order of this court is still continuing we direct the Commission to dispose of the petition pending before it within three months from the date of communication of this Order without granting any unnecessary adjournment to either of the parties.

However, during the pendency of the petition before the Commission, operation of the impugned order which has been stayed by this Court shall also remain stayed.

We make it clear that we have not expressed any opinion on the merits of this case and the same shall be decided by the Commission in accordance with law.

In view of this Order disposing of the appeal, the interim order of this Court staying further proceedings before the Commission shall stand vacated.

The appeal is disposed of accordingly.

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There shall be no order as to costs.

.....J.  
 ( TARUN CHATTERJEE)

