

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

CC 253-278

In Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal(Civil).../2002  
(From the judgement and order dated 30/08/2000 in FAT 538/00  
to 563/00 of The HIGH COURT OF CALCUTTA)

STATE OF WEST BENGAL

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

LAXMIBALA SAHA & ORS.

Respondent (s)

With IA No.1-26(C/delay in filing SLP )

Date : 25/01/2002 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.T. THOMAS  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.N. PHUKAN

For Petitioner (s) Mr. Tapas Ray, Sr.Adv.  
Mr. Avijit Bhattacharjee,Adv.  
Mr. Atanu Saikia, Adv.

For Respondent (s)

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

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There is no explanation at all for the long delay of 449 days in filing the appeal before the High Court. After causing an inordinate delay in filing the appeal before the High Court, the State did not learn any lesson and therefore they filed these special leave petitions after incurring a delay of 229 days which is also practically unexplained. We are not told whether the State has chosen to find out who are the officers responsible for this delay at different stages or to take any action against them. In such a situation, we are not inclined to entertain these SLPs. These are accordingly dismissed.

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(HK Bhatia)  
Court Master