

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No(s).22317/2008

(From the judgement and order dated 19/05/2008 in WPC No. 2902/2008 of
The HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT N. DELHI)

DINA NATH BATRA & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNIVERSITY OF DELHI & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for exemption from filing O.T. and prayer for interim relief)

Date: 19/09/2008 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P. SATHASIVAM
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.M. PANCHAL

For Petitioner(s) Mr. M.N.Krishnamani, Sr. Adv.

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Mrs. Rita Gupta, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

ORDER

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

The petitioners are aggrieved by the order passed by the High Court in the case of Delhi University on a book prescribed in the course for B.A. (Hon.) IInd Year, History Course. The Article written by Sh.A.K.Ramanujan, a Scholar, prescribed by name "Three Hundred Ramayanas: Five Examples and Three Thoughts on Translation" was prescribed as a textbook.

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According to the petitioners this book contained several passages and instances which hurt and wound the feelings of Hindus. When this writ petition was filed before the Delhi High Court, learned Division Bench at the Ist instance was of the view that since University of Delhi has already appointed an Expert Committee, let the petition be kept pending awaiting the report of the Committee. However, by the impugned order the Division Bench has dismissed the writ petition against the petitioners filed the present special leave petition. We do not know whether the report has been submitted to the Vice Chancellor. If the Committee has already filed the report before the Vice Chancellor then first petitioner would be at liberty to contact the Vice Chancellor and give his views or evidence or material in support of his stand. The Expert Committee may submit the report to the Vice Chancellor if not already submitted and the Vice Chancellor may take appropriate decision in this matter for placing the same before the Academic Council or any other appropriate authority which is competent to deal with the matter.

The petitioners would be at liberty to proceed with the matter if the decision goes against them. With the above direction the SLP is disposed of.

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