

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

Writ Petition(s)(Criminal) No(s). 397/2023

CHETAN & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE (GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)

Respondent(s)

[ONLY W.P. (Crl.) NO. 459/2023 IS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM]

WITH

W.P.(Crl.) No. 459/2023 (X)

(IA No. 202321/2023 - STAY APPLICATION)

Date : 29-11-2024 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ABHAY S. OKA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

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

W.P.(Crl.) No. 459/2023

We have perused orders dated 1st October, 2024 and 8th November, 2024. By the Order dated 1st October, 2024, we had directed the State Government to take appropriate decisions on the case of the petitioner within four weeks.

On 8th November, 2024, we extended the time by keeping the petition today. Though there is a direction to the State Government to pass an order within four weeks from 1st October, 2024, the State has not even bothered to apply for extension of time. Now excuse is stated across the Bar that the Sentence Review Board has taken a decision and the file is pending with the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.

We direct the State Government to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor both the orders referred above.

We make it clear that as the State Government has not even sought extension of time, it is always open for us to initiate action under the contempt of Courts Act, 1971 against the State. We are deferring the said action till 9th December, 2024.

List on 9th December, 2024. Interim relief granted earlier by this Court will continue to operate.

A copy of this order shall be forwarded by learned counsel appearing for the State to the office of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.

(KAVITA PAHUJA)
AR-cum-PS

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)