

ITEM NO.1

COURT NO.2

SECTION XVII-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Original Suit (C). No(s). 6/1996

THE STATE OF HARYANA DEPARTMENT OF
IRRIGATION THE SECRETARY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 87466/2020 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 196825/2022
- APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 145682/2019 - INTERVENTION
APPLICATION)

WITH

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 511/2004 In ORGNL.SUIT No. 6/1996 (XVII-A)
W.P.(C) No. 455/2005 (PIL-W)

Date : 06-05-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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

1. These matters pertain to the dispute between the State of Haryana and the State of Punjab with regard to the construction of Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal (for short "SYL Canal").
2. From the previous order dated 30.11.2016, it appears that the Court has directed the Union of India to attempt to work out an amicable solution by bringing both the States on board.
3. It further appears from the affidavit dated 01.04.2025 filed by the Union of India that the Union of India has

already taken effective steps to resolve the issue amicably.

4. In that view of the matter, we direct both States to cooperate with the Union of India in arriving at an amicable solution.

5. In case the issue is not resolved amicably between the parties, we propose to take up the matter on 13.08.2025.

6. List on 13.08.2025 at serial No.1.

7. In the meantime, the advocates on record for the State of Punjab and the State of Haryana shall prepare a common convenience compilation of all the relevant documents, including the orders passed by this Court.

IA No. 196825 of 2022 in O.S.No(s). 6/1996

1. This application has been filed by the applicant seeking clarification of the order dated 30.11.2016, vide which this Court directed to maintain status quo.

2. Upon perusal of the material placed on record, we clarify that the dispute before the Court pertains to the main SYL Canal. The dispute does not relate to internal network of canals to be constructed by the State of Punjab for the distribution of water within its territory.

3. We, therefore, clarify that the order of status quo dated 30.11.2016 shall apply only to the land in the State of Punjab which is required for construction of the main SYL Canal, to ensure connectivity with the canal already constructed by the

State of Haryana.

4. The application is, accordingly, disposed of.

**(DEEPAK SINGH)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS**

**(PREETI SAXENA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)**