

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NOS. 411, 571 & 572 OF 2014, 33, 34, 38, 46, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 120, 121, 127, 128, 129, 131, 132, 133, 134, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 290, 291, D.Nos. 12967, 21713, 25425, 25424, 25423, 25427, 25426, 25583, 25577, 25581, 23904, 25578, 25579, 25431, 25432, 26077, 26256, 26078 & 25430 OF 2015 AND D.Nos. 8429, 18567, 20025, 23037, 27528, 33441, 33442, 36110, 36227, 36810 & 40055 of 2016

IN

WRIT PETITION (C) NO. 246 OF 2011

WITH

CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO. 157, 158 AND 174 OF 2015

IN

WRIT PETITION (C) NO. 510 OF 2011

WITH

CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO. 385, 450 OF 2014 AND 50 OF 2015

IN

WRIT PETITION (C) NO. 264 OF 2012

AND

WRIT PETITION (C) NO. 998 OF 2016

WITH

INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO. 1 OF 2017

(APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION)

AVISHEK RAJA & ORS. ETC. ETC.

...PETITIONERS

-VERSUS-

SANJAY GUPTA ETC. ETC.

...RESPONDENTS

OFFICE- REPORT

It is submitted that the matters above-mentioned were listed before the Hon'ble Court on 16.11.2016 with office report dated 15.11.2016, when the Court was pleased to pass, *inter alia*, the following Order:

"Shri Anil Divan, learned Senior Counsel appearing for Jagran Pakashan Limited has raised a preliminary objection to a consideration of the legal submissions formulated by contending that the same raises new questions which travel beyond the ambit of the order passed by this Court in respect of which disobedience has been alleged. Shri Divan has further submitted that such questions cannot be adjudicated in exercise of contempt jurisdiction.

On the other hand, Shri Gopal Subramaniam, Shri Salman Khurshid, Shri Vijay Hansaria, learned Senior Counsels appearing for the other newspapers establishments have submitted that they require further time to go through the legal submissions formulated in the case by Shri Colin Gonsalves, learned Senior Counsel and seek instructions in the matter. Learned counsels pray for four weeks' time.

In the aforesaid circumstances we adjourn the hearing of these cases to 10th January, 2017. On the said date, the preliminary objection raised by Shri Anil Divan, learned Senior Counsel will also be considered.

Additional affidavit(s)/document(s), if any, may be filed in the meantime."

It is submitted that pursuant to the aforesaid order, Mr. Ajay Choudhary, Advocate has on 05.01.2017 filed written note on legal issues. Mr. Anil Shrivastav, Advocate has on 08.12.2016 filed written submissions on behalf of the alleged contemnors in Contempt Petition (C) No. 385 of 2014. Mr. Gopal Singh, Advocate has on 15.11.2016 filed counter affidavit on behalf of State of Tripura (copies of the same have been included in the paper books).

It is further submitted that status report by Labour Commissioner, Govt of Telangana has been received in this Registry on 13.12.2016. Joint Labour Commissioner, Government of Sikkim has on 23.11.2016 sent an affidavit on behalf of state of Sikkim (copies of the same have been included).

It is further submitted that Mr. Raj Singh Rana, Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh and Vijay K. Jain, Advocates have on 25.10.2016, 28.10.2016 and 01.12.2016 filed contempt petitions, which have been registered as Contempt Petition(C)D.No. 36227/2016, 36810/2016 and 40055/2016 respectively (copies of the same have been included).

It is further submitted that Mr. R.P. Goyal, Advocate has on 06.01.2017 filed an application on behalf of petitioner under Section 340 Cr.P.C. for filing false affidavit by Shri Nihar Kothari, alleged contemnor no. 6. The said application has been registered as I.A. No. 1/2017 (copy of the same has been included in the paper book).

It is lastly submitted that Mr. Pragya Baghel, advocate has on 9.1.2016 filed written submission on behalf of alleged contemnor no.1 in Contempt Petition (C)No. 113 of 2015 (Copy of the same is being circulated herewith.)

Service of notice is complete.

**W.P. (C) NO. 998 OF 2016**

The writ petition above-mentioned was listed before the Hon'ble Court on 16.12.2016, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:

**"List the matter on 10th January, 2017 along with Contempt Petition (Civil) No. 411 of 2014 in Writ Peition (Civil) No. 246 of 2011.**

**The petitioner need not join in his new assignment until the said date."**

It is further submitted that Mr. Mohan Lal Sharma, advocate has on 9.1.2017 filed an application for direction on behalf of the petitioner and the same has been registered as I.A.No.1 of 2017 (copy of the same is being circulated herewith.)

The Contempt Petitions along with writ petition above mentioned are listed before Hon'ble Court with this Office Report.

Dated this the 9th day of January, 2017.

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