

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NOS. 411, 570, 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

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

AVISHEK RAJA & ORS. ETC. ETC.

...PETITIONERS

-VERSUS-

SANJAY GUPTA ETC. ETC.

...RESPONDENTS

OFFICE- REPORT

C.P(C) NOS. 411, 571 & 572 OF 2014, 33, 34, 38, 46, 50, 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, 157, 158 AND 174 OF 2015 AND 385 & 450 OF 2014:

It is submitted that the matters above-mentioned were listed before the Hon'ble Court on 28.04.2015 with office report dated 27.04.2015, when the Court was pleased to pass the following Order:

"While keeping these contempt petitions pending we issue the following directions:

All the State Governments acting through their respective Chief Secretaries shall, within four weeks from today, appoint Inspectors under Section 17(b) of the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions 7 Act, 1955 to determine as to whether the dues and entitlements of all categories of Newspaper Employees including Journalists under the Majithia Wage Board award has been implemented in accordance with the terms hereof. The inspectors appointed by the State Government will naturally exercise their powers as provided under the Act and shall submit their report to this Court through the Labour Commissioners of each State indicating the precise findings on the issue indicated above. This will be done within a period of three months from the date of appointment under Section 17(b) of the Act.

The cases will be listed gain after receipt of the report as above stated.

All contentions with regard to maintainability of the contempt petitions are kept open."

It is submitted that pursuant to the aforesaid order, following status reports have been received from different states:

S.No.	Status report/affidavit filed on behalf of	Filed By	Remarks
1.	Jharkhand	Mr. Tapesh Kumar Singh, Adv.	(Along with affidavit)
2.	Madhya Pradesh	Mr. Arjun Garg, Adv.	
3.	Rajasthan	Ms. Ruchi Kohli, Adv.	
4.	Punjab	Mr. Devendra Singh, Adv.	
5.	Pune	Labour Commissioner	(Report received in dim impression)
6.	Mumbai	Labour Commissioner	(Status report of Mumbai, Haryana and Sikkim included in single paper book)
7.	Haryana/ Chandigarh	Dr. Monika Gusain, Adv.	
8.	Sikkim	M/s. Arputham Aruna & Co.	(Only affidavit filed)
9.	Gujarat	Ms. Hemantika wahi, Adv.	
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	Mr. Ashok Mathur, Adv.	
11.	Manipur	Labour Commissioner	
12.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Ms. G. Indira, Adv.	
13.	Arunachal Pradesh	Labour Commissioner	
14.	NCT of Delhi	Mr. D.S. Mahra, Adv.	
15.	Bihar	Labour Commissioner	(Dim impression and vernacular language)
16.	Uttar Pradesh	Labour Commissioner	(Included in counter affidavit of C.P.(C)No. 129/2015)
17.	Nagaland		(Only affidavit filed)
18.	Chhattisgarh	Mr. C.D. Singh, Advocate	
19.	Aurangabad	Mr. Satya Mitra, Advocate	(Report of Labour Officer annexed to I.A. No.1 in C.P.(C) 50/2015)

It is further submitted that the following applications and counter/rejoinder affidavit have been filed :

S.No.	Contempt Petition	Vakalatnama/Affidavits/ Applications
1.	C.P.(C) No. 128/2015 in WP(c) No. 246/2011	Mr. Satish Kumar, Advocate has filed application for impleadment on behalf of applicant(s). As the matter is on board, hence unregistered application is being circulated herewith.
2.	C.P.(C) No. 150/2015 in WP(C) No. 246/2011	Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Advocate has filed application for intervention on behalf of applicant(s). As the matter is on board, hence unregistered application is being circulated herewith.
3.	C.P.(C) No. 120/2015 in WP(C) No. 246/2011	Mr. Shekhar Kumar, Advocate has filed application for directions. As the matter is on board, hence unregistered application is being circulated herewith.
4.	C.P.(C) No. 571/2014 in WP(C) No. 246/2011	Mr.G.N.Reddy, Advocate has filed application for withdrawing name of applicant no. 3 and the same has been registered as IA. No. 1/2015
6.	C.P.(C) No. 570/2014 in WP(C) No. 246/2011	Mr. P. George Giri, Advocate has filed application for intervention on behalf of applicant(s). As the matter is on board, hence unregistered application is being circulated herewith.
7.	C.P(C) 131 & 132 of 2015 in WP(C) No. 246/2011	Mr. Raj Singh Rana, Advocate has filed application for impleadment on behalf of applicant(s). As the matter is on board, hence unregistered application is being circulated herewith.
8.	C.P.(C) No. 128 & 129/2015 in WP(C) No. 246/2011	Mr. A. Raghunath, Advocate has filed counter affidavit on behalf of alleged contemnor no. 6
6.	C.P.(C) No. 149/2015 in WP(C) No. 246/2011	Mr. A. Raghunath, Advocate has filed counter affidavit on behalf of alleged contemnor.
7.	C.P.(C) No. 103 & 105/2015 in WP(C) No. 246/2011	Mr. Ajay chaudhaary, Advocate has filed counter affidavit on behalf of alleged contemnor nos. 1 and 2.
8.	C.P.(C) No. 572/2014 in WP(C) No. 246/2011	Mr. Parmanand Pandey, Advocate has filed application permission to file rejoinder affidavit along with an application for exemption from filing official translation, which have been registered as I.A. Nos. 5 and 6
9.	C.P.(C) No. 38/2015 in WP(C) No. 246/2011	Mr. Nitin Kumar Thakur, Advocate has filed an application for permission to bring additional facts and documents on record and the same is being circulated unregistered.
10.	C.P.(C) No. 411/2014 in WP(C) No. 246/2011	Mr. C.D. Singh, Advocate has filed an application for official translation, which has been registered as I.A. no. 2.
11.	C.P.(C) No. 50/2015 in WP(C) No. 264/2012	Mr. Satya Mitra, Advocate has filed an application to file additional documents, which has been registered as I.A. No. 1.

It is further submitted that submitted that C.P.(C) No. 352 of 2015 in W.P.(C) No. 246 of 2011 along with 13 other contempt petitions were listed before Hon'ble Court on 06.07.2015, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:

"Disobedience of Court's order as alleged in these contempt petitions is being looked into in connected matters and an order has been passed by this Court dated 28.04.2015 appointing inspectors under Section 17(b) of the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955 to make enquiry and submit reports to this Court. In the above circumstances and also having regard to the delay that has occurred, we are not inclined to entertain these contempt petitions as we consider the same be redundant."

It is further submitted that M/s. P. George Giri, Milind Kumar, H.K. Chaturvedi and Narinder Kumar Verma, Advocate have also filed contempt petitions but the same have not been registered pursuant to the aforesaid order. Hence, the same are being circulated herewith as unregistered by Diary Nos above-mentioned.

Service of notice is complete.

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

Dated this the 11th day of January, 2016.

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