

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 880 OF 2013

(Under Article 32 of the Constitution of India)

WITH

INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION No.1

(Application for intervention filed by Ms. Liz Mathew, Advocate)

Common Cause (A Registered Society) etc.

... Petitioners

Versus

Union of India & Ors. etc.

.... Respondents

OFFICE REPORT

The Writ Petition along with application above-mentioned was listed before the Hon'ble court on 14.02.2017, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

“We have heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

In the counter affidavit, filed on behalf of the respondent-Union of India, the gradual progress of the policy guidelines for community radio stations and F.M. radio stations, has been highlighted. It is pointed out, that such guidelines were introduced for the first time in December, 2002, and the same were later revised in December, 2006. It is also the contention of the Union of India, that the above guidelines were again considered, and further revised guidelines were issued in January, 2017. It was pointed out, that the revised guidelines for community radio stations and F.M. radio stations, have been permitted to broadcast news and current affairs, sourced exclusively from the All India Radio (AIR), in its original form (or translated into a local language/dialect), without any charges.

During the course of hearing, it was felt, that the Union of India should consider extending the content of news and current affairs for community radio stations and F.M. Radio Stations, at least to include such news and current affairs, as are already in public domain, namely, such news and current affairs, which are broadcasted, not only by the AIR, but also by the licensed operators in the print and electronic media.

Learned counsel representing the Union of India seeks a short adjournment, so as to obtain instructions in the matter.

The prayer is allowed.

Instructions, if any, be obtained within six weeks' from today.

Post this matter for hearing after six weeks.”

Pursuant to aforesaid order, it is submitted that no further document has been filed, so far.

The Writ Petition alongwith application above-mentioned is listed before the Hon'ble Court with this Office Report for Orders.

Dated this the 03rd day of April, 2017.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

/vs...