SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IA Nos. 20-38 with IA No.3 in Writ PETITION (CIVIL) NO.310/1996

PRAKASH SINGH AND OTHERS

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

(FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND DIRECTIONS/MODIFICATIONS AND IMPLEADMENT/DIRECTION AND EXEMPTION FROM FLING O.T. AND SUSPENSION OF IMPEMENTATIONS OF DIRECTION NOS.1, 4 & 6 OF THE ORDER OF THIS HON.COURT DT.22.9.96 AND OFFICE REPORT)

WITH

CONMT.PETN. (C) No. 92/2007 in W.P. (C) No. 310/1996

AND CONT.PET.(C)NO.240/2007 IN W.P.(C)NO.310/2007 (with appln.(s) for exemption from filing O.T.)

Date: 16/05/2008 These Petitions were called on for hearing today.

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

As regards the implementation of the various directions made by this Court in judgment dated 22.9.2006 Justice K.T.Thomas, former retired Judge of this Court is suggested to be as Chairman of the Committee and two other persons, one of the choice of Justice Thomas and the other as recommended by the Ministry of Home Affairs (incorporating various terms and conditions in the Committee) The Committee may file the report by three months.

Terms and conditions which are subject to the variation by the Committee are as under:

- 1.To examine the affidavits filed by the different States and the Union Territories in compliance to the Court's directions with reference to the ground realities.
- 2.Advise the Respondents wherever the implementation is falling short of the Court's orders, after considering the Respondents' stated difficulties in implementation.
- 3.Bring to the notice of the Court any genuine problems the Respondents may be having in view of the specific conditions prevailing in a State or Union Territory.
- 4.Examine the new legislations enacted by different States regarding the police to see whether these are in compliance with the letter and spirit of this Hon'ble Court's directions.
- 5.Apprise the Court about unnecessary objections or delays on the part of any Respondent so that appropriate follow up action could be taken against that Respondent.
- 6. Submit a Status report on compliance to this Hon'ble Court every six months.

The Committee shall be provided necessary infrastructure and required financial assistance by the Government of India [the Ministry of Home Affairs/Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD] to enable it carry on its day to day functions. The Committee may, if necessary, visit a particular State for discussing any matter relating to implementation with the officers of that State. Home Ministry is directed to deposit Rs.10 lakhs with the Secretary General of Supreme Court towards initial expenses of the Committee.

The Committee will function initially for a period of two years only. This Hon'ble Court may, however, extend its life span, if considered necessary.

(Suman Wadhwa) Court Master (Veera Verma) Court Master