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

Permission to file Special Leave Petition(s) is granted.

Delay condoned.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Although, we are not in agreement with the view taken by the High Court in the impugned judgment and order(s), but since the interim order is in force for last two years and as the appeal itself can be disposed of expeditiously, coupled with the fact that the learned counsel for the respondent(s)- accused, on instructions, assures that his client will not contest any election, including the election to the post in a cooperative society or local bodies, until the disposal of the criminal appeal(s), we request the High Court to take up the criminal appeal Nos. 454 of 2016 and 1382 of 2017 for hearing expeditiously and dispose of the same, preferably by the end of 2020.

We dispose of these Special Leave Petitions in the above terms, leaving all questions of law open and also make it clear that the impugned order(s) may not be treated as precedent in future cases.

Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

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