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Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (C) Nos.10756-10757/2020

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 25-08-2020 in IA No. 2/2020 & IA No. 3/2020 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru)

REV MATHEW GEORGE M

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

BISHOP REV. NAMDEO LAXMAN KARKARE &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R.)

Date : 18-09-2020 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HRISHIKESH ROY

For Petitioner(s)

Mr. Shyam Divan, Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Sahil Tagotra, AOR

For Respondent(s)

Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Shashi Kiran Shetty, Sr. Adv.  
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Mr. Shashibhushan P. Adgaonkar, AOR

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

The Court is convened through Video Conferencing.

Heard Mr. Shyam Divan, learned Senior counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, learned Senior counsel appearing for the Caveator/Respondent No.4.

After perusing the material available on record, we find that the High Court vide its order dated 28-7-2020 stated that it is necessary to investigate in respect of financial irregularities of either party and recorded the submissions made by both the parties that investigation authority should complete the same within a period of four months.

Thereafter, Respondent No.4 filed applications for stay and modification of earlier order of the High Court dated 28-7-2020 and the said Court vide its interim order dated 25-8-2020 allowed those applications.

Mr. Shyam Divan states that allowing the said applications have resulted in Respondents not being covered by the investigation and removal of the period of four months which was granted by the High Court to complete the investigation.

During the course of hearing, Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, learned Senior counsel appearing for Respondent No.4 does not dispute the fact that the investigation should be conducted against both the sides. He further submitted that he has no objection for the investigation to be concluded within four months.

In view of the above, we clarify that the investigation in the matter shall be conducted against both sides by the Investigation Authority and the same be concluded within a period of four months in terms of earlier order passed by the High Court on 28-7-2020.

With the above observation, the Special Leave Petition is disposed of.

(VISHAL ANAND)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(RAJ RANI NEGI)  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR