

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (C) NO.3974 OF 2017

RAVINDRA SINGH

... PETITIONER(S)

VS.

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

... RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

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2. In the writ petition, which he preferred before the High Court in the year 2015, he raised a challenge to a newspaper article, which appeared in "Nyaya Chakra" in 1994 (for the edition, which covered the period 15.2.1994 to 14.4.1994).

3. It is apparent, that the aforesaid writ petition came to be filed, 21 years after the publication of the article. The case raised by the petitioner was considered to be unjustified, and accordingly, the aforesaid writ petition came to be dismissed on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

4. Dissatisfied with the impugned order dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, the petitioner is before this Court. We fail to understand, what prompted the petitioner firstly to file the writ petition before the High Court in 2015, in respect of an article which was published in the year 1994. We also fail to understand, that the petitioner has approached this Court, even though, the impugned order dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 was explicit and clear. The instant course sought to be adopted by the petitioner, is clearly uncondonable, more so, because the petitioner is a people's representative, and cannot be expected to misuse the jurisdiction of a Court.

5. We, therefore, hereby dismiss this special leave petition, with an exemplary costs quantified as Rs.10 lakhs (Rupees ten lakhs only). The aforesaid cost shall be deposited by the petitioner with the Supreme Court Advocate on Record Welfare Trust, within four weeks from today. In case the cost is not deposited, the matter shall be relisted for recovery of cost.

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[JAGDISH SINGH KHEHAR]

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[Dr. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD]

New Delhi;  
10<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

ITEM NO.13

COURT NO.1

SECTION XVII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).3974/2017

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06/12/2016  
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(With appln.(s) for exemption from filing O.T.)

Date : 10/02/2017 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Amrendra Kumar Singh,Adv.  
Mr. Anand Mishra,Adv.

For Respondent(s)

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

The special leave petition is dismissed with an  
exemplary costs quantified as Rs.10 lakhs (Rupees ten  
lakhs only), in terms of the signed order.

Corrected order substituting the word "Lawyers" with  
"Advocate on Record" in paragraph 5 of the signed order,  
is uploaded on the internet.

(Sarita Purohit)  
Court Master

(Renuka Sadana)  
Assistant Registrar

(Signed order is placed on the file)

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