

ITEM NO.24 Court 13 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION IV-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 32076/2018

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-07-2017 in RSA No. 588/2011 passed by the High Court Of Karnataka At Bengaluru)

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

C SRINIVAS DECEASED BY HIS LRS

Respondent(s)

(IA No.138925/2018-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No.138929/2018-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 22-10-2021 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.R. SHAH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. BOPANNA

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Nikhil Goel, AAG
Mr. V. N. Raghupathy, AOR
Mr. Vinay Mathew, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Ms. Kiran Suri, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Girish Ananthamurthy, Adv.
Mrs. Vaijayanthi Girish, AOR

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

Having gone through the relevant material placed on record today, it appears that the Office of the Advocate General, State of Karnataka as well as the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka have open up an initiative and now decided to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the erring officials under the provisions of the Karnataka Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1957 only on 21.10.2021. We do not approve the inaction in not initiating disciplinary proceedings against the erring

officials now when as far as back on 05.10.2018, this Court directed the State Government to conduct a departmental inquiry against the erring officials, who are found to be responsible for causing delay. Still we give further four weeks' time to the State Government to initiate and complete the departmental proceedings, after following due procedure as required, and submit the compliance report before this Court on the next date of hearing. However, it is observed from the communication by the learned Advocate General, State of Karnataka dated 21.10.2021 that by issuing the notice dated 01.12.2018 the then Advocate General warned the Ex.High Court Government Pleader. Therefore, no further action shall be taken against the Ex.High Court Government Pleader and the departmental proceedings shall be against the erring officers/officials only.

Put up on 29.11.2021.

(R. NATARAJAN)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(NISHA TRIPATHI)
BRANCH OFFICER