

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

SUO MOTU CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO.1/2017In Re: Sri Justice C.S. KarnanO R D E R

1. We have heard Mr. Rakesh Dwivedi, learned senior counsel representing the State of West Bengal, with reference to the medical examination of Sri Justice C.S. Karnan, as also, Mr. Maninder Singh, learned Additional Solicitor General of India, Mr. K.K.Venugopal, learned senior counsel representing the Registrar General, High Court of Judicature at Madras, and Mr. Rupinder Singh Suri, Senior Advocate, in his capacity as the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association.

2. On merits, we are of the considered view, that Sri Justice C.S. Karnan, has committed contempt of the judiciary. His actions constitute contempt of this Court, and of the judiciary of the gravest nature. Having found him guilty of committing contempt, we convict him accordingly. We are satisfied to punish him by sentencing him to imprisonment for six months. As a consequence, the contemnor shall not perform any administrative or judicial functions.

3. Detailed order to follow.

4. The sentence of six months imposed by this Court on Sri Justice C.S. Karnan, shall be executed forthwith, by the Director General of Police, West Bengal, or through a team constituted by

him.

5. Since the incident of contempt includes public statements and publication of orders made by the contemnor, which were highlighted by the electronic and print media, we are of the view, that no further statements made by him should be published hereafter. Ordered accordingly.

6. Disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

.....CJI
[JAGDISH SINGH KHEHAR]

.....J.
[DIPAK MISRA]

.....J.
[J. CHELAMESWAR]

.....J.
[RANJAN GOGOI]

.....J.
[MADAN B. LOKUR]

.....J.
[PINAKI CHANDRA GHOSE]

NEW DELHI;
MAY 09, 2017.

.....J.
[KURIAN JOSEPH]

ITEM NO.701

COURT NO.1

SECTION XVII

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

SUO MOTU CONTEMPT PETITION(C) No. 1/2017IN RE : SRI JUSTICE C.S. KARNAN

WITH

SLP(C) No. 14842/2015

(With WITH APPLN. (S) FOR directions and intervention and
PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON and Interim Relief and
Office Report)

Date : 09/05/2017 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPAK MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J. CHELAMESWAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RANJAN GOGOI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MADAN B. LOKUR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PINAKI CHANDRA GHOSE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KURIAN JOSEPH

Present:

For State of West Bengal Mr. Rakesh Dwivedi, Sr. Adv.
 Mr. Chanchal Lr. Ganguli, Adv.
 Ms. Narmada, Adv.

For UOI Mr. Maninder Singh, ASG
 Ms. Madhvi Divan, Adv.
 Mr. Nalin Kohli, Adv.
 Ms. Ranjeeta Rohatgi, Adv.
 Mr. Prabhash Bajaj, Adv.

For Registrar Mr. K.K. Venugopal, Sr. Adv.
General, High Mr. Nikhil Nayyar, Adv.
Court of Madras Mr. N. Sai Vinod, Adv.
 Ms. Smriti Shah, Adv.
 Mr. Divyanshu Rai, Adv.

Supreme Court Mr. Rupinder Singh Suri, Sr. Adv.
Bar Asson. Mr. Ajit Kr. Sinha, Sr. Adv.
 Mr. Gaurav Bhatia, Adv.

Mr. M. Yogesh Kanna, Adv.
Ms. Nithya, Adv.
Mrs. Maha Lakshmi, Adv.
Mr. Partha Sarathi, Adv.

Ms. Uttara Babbar, Adv.
Ms. Akanksha Choudhary, Adv.

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

Suo Motu Contempt Petition stands disposed of, in terms
of the signed order.

List the special leave petition no. 14842/2015 before the
regular Bench.

(Renuka Sadana)
Assistant Registrar

(Parveen Kumar)
AR-cum-PS

[signed order is placed on the file]