

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).39125/2023

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 17-02-2016 in RFA No.1749/1999 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2799/1999 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 235/2000 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 236/2000 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 237/2000 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 640/2000 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 511/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 512/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 513/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 548/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 549/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 550/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 551/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 552/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 553/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 554/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 555/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 556/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 557/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 558/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 559/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 560/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1130/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1134/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1137/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1450/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1830/2001 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1389/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1390/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1391/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2477/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2478/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2479/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2480/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2481/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2482/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2483/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2484/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2485/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 3064/2002 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1481/2003 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2216/2003 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2234/2004 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1799/2004 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1801/2007 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2550/2007 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 2552/2007 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 669/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 670/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 671/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 675/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 763/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 764/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 765/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 766/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 767/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 768/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 769/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 773/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 774/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 775/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1992/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1997/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 5174/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 5722/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 5723/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 5724/2008 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 241/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 294/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 295/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 907/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 919/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1010/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1242/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 1440/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 4141/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 4142/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 4143/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 5013/2009 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 4549/2011 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 4553/2011 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 4557/2011 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 4577/2011 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 5910/2011 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 5911/2011 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 5912/2011 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 5913/2011 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 5915/2011 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 6097/2011 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 7805/2011 17-02-2016 in RFA No.

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111/2012 17-02-2016 in RFA No. 113/2012 17-02-2016 in RFA No.
886/2012 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at
Chandigarh)

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

MAJOR PRITAM SINGH & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No.268637/2023-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No.268638/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.268641/2023-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING / CURING THE DEFECTS and IA No.268639/2023-PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES)

Date : 19-01-2024 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE BELA M. TRIVEDI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ MITHAL

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee, A.S.G.
Mr. Arvind Kumar Sharma, AOR

For Respondent(s)

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

1. There is an inordinate delay of 2683 days in filing of the present Special Leave Petitions and that too after the dismissal of a batch of earlier matters.
2. It may be noted that earlier the petitioner UOI had filed only one appeal being C.A. No. 23521/2017 (UOI vs. Major Pritam Singh) against the impugned common order dated 17.02.2016 passed by the High Court disposing of 347 appeals before it. This Court vide the order dated 23.02.2023 dismissed the said appeal only on the ground that when the judgment of High Court qua large number of claimants had attained finality, there was

no justification to consider the question raised at the instance of UOI and that no two different standards could be adopted by UOI in reference to the claimants who are covered under the self-same land acquisition proceedings. Thereafter the Review Petition filed in the said C.A. was also dismissed on 02.08.2023. Again, this Court dismissed a batch of 271 SLPs filed by the UOI challenging the said self-same judgment vide the order dated 03.01.2024. Now, this batch of SLPs have been filed challenging the same judgment dated 17.02.2016 by the UOI with the delay of 2683 days without any justification whatsoever particularly for the period from February, 2017 to February, 2023 (about six years).

3. The learned A.S.G., Mr. Banerjee, seeks time to take instructions, as to what action shall be taken by the department for fixing the accountability of the errant officers, for not filing the Special Leave Petitions for such a long time, and to avoid such delay in future.
4. List after four weeks.

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