

ITEM NO.301

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL

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

I.A.Nos.14 and 15 of 2014 in Writ Petition(s) (Civil)
No(s). 176/2009

RAM JETHMALANI & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(for clarification/modification of court's order dated 04.07.2011
and 01.05.2014 and directions)

Date : 29/10/2014 These applications were called on for hearing
today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RANJANA PRAKASH DESAI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MADAN B. LOKUR

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

I.A.NO.14 of 2014:

Shri Mukul Rohtagi, learned Attorney General for India, on instructions, would submit that as of now, he is not pressing for any of the prayers made in the Interlocutory Application No. 14 of 2014 filed in Writ Petition (C) No.176 of 2009.

Placing on record the said statement by the learned Attorney General, I.A. No. 14 of 2014 is disposed of as having become unnecessary for the present.

Shri Rohtagi, learned Attorney General, has voluntarily had filed two separate sealed covers before each of us, which, according to him, contains the names of those account holders who have their bank accounts in HSBC, Geneva, as received from the Government of France.

This Court, by its order dated 04.07.2011 had constituted a Special Investigation Team (for short 'the S.I.T.'). That S.I.T. has been constituted and is functional as of now.

By our order dated 01.05.2014, we had reconstituted the said S.I.T. and had directed the newly constituted S.I.T. to take forward the orders and directions issued by this Court on 04.07.2011. The said S.I.T. is looking into these matters. In fact, they had filed a Status Report before us on an earlier occasion.

We do not intend to open the two sealed covers that are placed before each of us by the learned Attorney General, since we have already constituted an S.I.T. to look into these matters. The Registry is hereby directed to hand over the said two sealed covers intact today itself to a responsible officer/person in the S.I.T. with a specific instruction that it shall not be opened by anybody else except by the learned Chairman and Vice-chairman of the S.I.T.

It is now for the S.I.T. to make use of the documents furnished by the learned Attorney General. We permit the S.I.T. to proceed with the matter in accordance with law and for that purpose to evolve its own procedure after hearing the learned Attorney General or his representative, Shri Ram Jethmalani, party-in-person and his counsel.

We now request the S.I.T. to furnish before us the latest Status Report as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, by the end of November, 2014.

We permit both sides to express their difficulties, grievances and other procedure which requires to be adopted before the S.I.T.

I.A.No.15 of 2014:

Reply, if any, be filed to I.A. No. 15 of 2014 within four weeks' time.

Call the matter on 3rd December, 2014 at 3.30 p.m.

(G.V.Ramana)
Court Master

(Vinod Kulvi)
Asstt.Registrar