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SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL)...... Diary No(s).39227/2023

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-02-2023 in WPPIL No.48/2022 passed by the High Court Of Uttarakhand At Nainital)

THE STATE OF UTTARAKHAND & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

GURUDEV SINGH

Respondent(s)

(Ms. Maheravish Rein, Advocate is appointed as Amicus Curiae. IA No. 217279/2023 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No.217281/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No.217280/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

WITH

Diary No(s). 42084/2023 (X)

221894/2023 CONDONATION 0F FILING, DELAY IN IA No.221898/2023 -**EXEMPTION** FROM **FILING** C/C 0F THE **IMPUGNED** JUDGMENT, IA No.221896/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date: 22-07-2024 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

Ms. Maheravish Rein, Amicus Curiae

Ms. Shamshravish Rein, Adv.

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Mr. Rakesh Chander, Adv.

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

Diary No(s).39227/2023

1. Learned counsel for the petitioners seeks and is granted two weeks' time to delete the unnecessary respondents.

2. Post the matter on 20.09.2024.

Diary No(s).42084/2023

- 3. Learned Amicus Curiae has given a brief note concerning the issues considered by the High Court. During the course of hearing, we have impressed upon her to undertake further research and give a comprehensive note as to whether:
- (i) Dredging can be allowed to be done by the private entities?
- (ii) If so, what should be the transparent procedure to engage such private entities?
- (iii) What should be the mode and manner of disposal of the minerals extracted incidentally in the process of dredging?
- (iv) What is an effective mechanism to measure such extracted minerals and their estimated cost in the open market?
- (v) Whether dredging should be allowed to be conducted only under the supervision of an Expert Body in an eco-sensitive zone?
- (vi) If so, what should be the composition of the Expert Body?
- 4. Learned counsel for the Central Pollution Control Board also seeks and is granted four weeks time to submit his suggestions via counter affidavit.
- Post the matter on 20.09.2024.

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ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR