

ITEM NO.24

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SECTION PIL-W

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Writ Petition (Civil) No. 54/2024

SAVE MON REGION FEDERATION & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH & ORS.

Respondent(s)

Date : 18-03-2025 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

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

During the course of hearing, our attention is drawn to the note, that is, Annexure P-4 to the present writ petition, which was filed in response to the queries raised by this Court.

The aforesaid note refers to the specific norms relating to the Members of State Legislatures, the Members of Parliament and

Ministers, by quoting the Code of Conduct for Ministers (both, Union and States). In the concluding portion, it is stated that the appropriate authority for providing a response to the two queries raised by this Court, based upon the facts and circumstances of the case, would be the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In addition, paragraph 10 of the aforesaid note states that, in relation to questions involving the matters relating to the Code of Conduct of the Executive Head of the State, the more appropriate authority would be both the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Finance.

Our attention is also drawn to the order dated 20.03.2024 passed in SLP (C) No. 34696/2010, titled "*Voluntary Arunachal Sena vs. State of Arunachal Pradesh & Ors.*", wherein the following observations have been made:

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We do not want to keep the present petition, which has its genesis in a proceeding framed as a public interest litigation, pending. Let the complaint(s) over which the present petition is founded, be examined by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG). This Court would expect an early examination into the allegations, which are made by Mr. Bhushan in the public interest litigation out of which the present proceeding arises. There are several interlocutory applications taken out, in connection with the main public interest litigation, seeking interference of this Court in certain subsequent contracts, which according to Mr. Bhushan suffer from the same set of flaws. But we are apprised by the learned counsel

for the parties that an independent writ petition has been filed in relation to such subsequent set of contracts and hence we are not making any comment or observation in relation to these applications.

The present petition shall stand disposed of along with pending application(s), if any.

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In these circumstances, we would like the State of Arunachal Pradesh to file a detailed affidavit, furnishing the details of the parties to whom contracts were awarded with reference to the contracts mentioned in the writ petition and the additional affidavit. In addition, the State of Arunachal Pradesh will specifically mention the details of contracts awarded to respondent Nos. 4 to 6 or firms/individuals related to respondent No. 4 to 6.

The Union of India, that is, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Finance, shall also file detailed affidavits.

We also require the Comptroller and Auditor General of India to submit their final report with regard to the directions given in the order dated 20.03.2024. The said report shall be filed within a period of five weeks from today.

A copy of the aforesaid report shall be furnished to the learned counsel for the petitioners. Response thereto, if any, may be filed within three weeks after service thereof.

Re-list in the week commencing 21.07.2025.

(BABITA PANDEY)
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(R.S. NARAYANAN)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR