ITEM NO.1

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL-W

SUPREME COURTOF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition (Civil) No.310/1996

PRAKASH SINGH & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

(With appln.(s) for modification of Court's order)

Date : 12-12-2018 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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

Insofar as the States of Punjab and Haryana are concerned, the interlocutory applications filed on behalf of the said States seek the following reliefs:-

"I.A. No.144172/2018 (State of Punjab)

(i) Exempt the Applicant State and its (Second legislation The Punjab Police Amendment) Act, 2018, duly assented to by the of Punjab from Governor the ambit and operation of Order dated 03.07.2018.

(ii) Permit the Applicant State of Punjab to implement the Punjab Police Act, 2007, as amended;

(iii) Permit the applicant to appoint its Director General of Police in accordance with the Punjab Police Act, 2007 as amended.

I.A. No.174012/2018 (State of Haryana)

(i) Exempt the Applicant-State and its legislation the Haryana Police Act, 2007 from the ambit and operation of order dated 03.07.2018.

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(ii) permit the Applicant-State of Haryanato implement the Haryana Police Act, 2007.

(iii) permit the Applicant-State of Haryana to appoint its Director General of Police in accordance with the Haryana Police Act, 2007."

The matter has been taken up on mentioning made by the learned counsels for the respective two States, wherein the term of the present Director General of Police (DGP) expires on 31st December, 2018. On behalf of the original writ petitioner, objections are required to be filed to the prayers made in the interlocutory applications. We are, therefore, posting the matter at the earliest possible date i.e. 8th January, 2019, by which time objections and the reply thereto may be exchanged by and between the parties.

The present arrangement with regard to the post of Director General of Police may be continued in the aforesaid two States until 31st January, 2019. No specific order is required to be passed in the case of the State of Bihar as Shri Ranjit Kumar, learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the State has submitted that the term of the incumbent holding the office of Director General of Police continuous till 31st January, 2019.

A mention has been made by Mr. Anand Grover, learned senior counsel on behalf of the State of West Bengal with

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regard to some interlocutory application filed on behalf of the State. We are unable to entertain the said request as the said interlocutory application is not before us.

List the interlocutory applications pertaining to the States of Punjab, Haryana and Bihar on 8th January, 2019.

(Chetan Kumar) A.R.-cum-P.S. (Anand Prakash) Court Master