

ITEM NO.108

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL(W)

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

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 880/2013

COMMON CAUSE

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

U.O.I

Respondent(s)

(with appln. (s) for intervention and office report)

Date : 14/02/2017 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA  
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

We have heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

In the counter affidavit, filed on behalf of the

respondent-Union of India, the gradual progress of the policy guidelines for community radio stations and F.M. radio stations, has been highlighted. It is pointed out, that such guidelines were introduced for the first time in December, 2002, and the same were later revised in December, 2006. It is also the contention of the Union of India, that the above guidelines were again considered, and further revised guidelines were issued in January, 2017. It was pointed out, that the revised guidelines for community radio stations and F.M. radio stations, have been permitted to broadcast news and current affairs, sourced exclusively from the All India Radio (AIR), in its original form (or translated into a local language/dialect), without any charges.

During the course of hearing, it was felt, that the Union of India should consider extending the content of news and current affairs for community radio stations and F.M. Radio Stations, at least to include such news and current affairs, as are already in public domain, namely, such news and current affairs, which are broadcasted, not only by the AIR, but also by the licensed operators in the print and electronic media.

Learned counsel representing the Union of India seeks a short adjournment, so as to obtain instructions in the matter.

The prayer is allowed.

Instructions, if any, be obtained within six weeks' from today.

Post this matter for hearing after six weeks.

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