IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

INHERENT JURISDICTION

SUO MOTO WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 1/2019

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[Arun Mishra]

[Sanjiv Khanna)

New Delhi; April 20, 2019. COURT NO.1

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Date : 20-04-2019 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MISHRA HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV KHANNA

For PARTIES

Mr. K.K. Venugopal, AG Mr. Tushar Mehta, SG

Mr. Rakesh Khanna, Sr. Adv.

By Courts Motion, AOR

<u>UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following</u> <u>O R D E R</u>

In terms of the signed order, the Court observed as under:-

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(Deepak Guglani) (Anand Prakash) Court Master Court Master (signed order is placed on the file)