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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSWRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 4677/1985

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PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

(1) I. A. NO. 203615/2024 (2) FOR DIRECTIONS REGARDING PAYMENT TO JUDICIAL COMMITTEE (3) I. A. NO. 142712/2025 (4) I. A. NO. 196743/2025 AND I. A. D. NO. 205299/2025 (5) I. A. NO. 196990 AND 204550/2025 IN W.P.(C) NO. 4677/1985 "ONLY" ARE LISTED &quot;ONLY&quot; NAMES OF FOLLOWING ADVOCATES MAY BE TREATED TO HAVE BEEN SHOWN IN THE LIST: MR. S. GURU KRISHNA KUMAR, SR. ADVOCATE (A.C.) MS. ANITHA SHENOY, SR. ADVOCATE (A.C.) MR. A.D.N. RAO, SR. ADVOCATE (A.C.) MR. SIDDHARTHA CHOWDHURY, ADVOCATE (A.C.) PETITIONER-IN-PERSON, MR. MANAN VERMA, MR. SHREY KAPOOR, MR. PRAVEEN SWARUP, MS. GAURAN, MR. SANJEEV MALHOTRA, ADVOCATE

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