

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSWrit Petition(s) (Civil) No(s) . 1236/2019LOK PRAHARI THROUGH ITS GENERAL  
SECRETARY S.N.SHUKLA I.A.S. (RETD)

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 321171/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION and IA No. 321172/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

Date : 18-12-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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**IA No. 321171/2025 and**  
**IA No. 321172/2025**

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

IA No. 321171/2025

1. In modification of the order dated 30.01.2025, it is clarified that if there are two ad-hoc Judges appointed in the High Court, it will be the prerogative of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court to constitute their Division Bench. Similarly, we leave it entirely to the discretion of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court to constitute a Bench consisting of the ad-hoc judge and a sitting Judge, wherever necessary, in the manner that may be agreeable to both the Judges.
2. Similarly, there shall be no impediment in constituting the single Judge Benches of the ad-hoc Judges.
3. It is further clarified that with the above-stated modification, the main judgment dated 20.04.2021 is also deemed to be clarified/modified.
4. IA No. 321171/2025 is, accordingly, disposed of.
5. With the disposal of IA No. 321171/2025, IA No. 321172/2025 stands closed.

(NITIN TALREJA)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR