Plea in Delhi HC against EC order allotting poll symbol to AIADMK

Issue listed for hearing today

NEW DELHI, NOV 30 /--/ Sidelined AIADMK leaders Sasikala and TTV Dhinakaran today moved the Delhi High Court against the Election Commission's decision recognising the unified AIADMK under Tamil Nadu chief minister E K Palaniswami as the real party, allowing it to use the 'two leaves' poll symbol.

The plea for urgent hearing of the matter was mentioned before a bench of Acting Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice C Hari Shankar and sought quashing of the November 23 order of the Election Commission of India (ECI). Senior advocate Kirti Uppal, appearing for Sasikala and Dhinakaran, said the matter required urgent hearing as the poll panel's order was bad in law and needed to be set aside. Agreeing to the contention of the senior advocate, the bench listed the matter for hearing on Friday. The issue has been lingering since April in the aftermath of the announcement of by-poll to RK Nagar Assembly constituency here following the death of AIADMK supremo J Jayalalithaa in December last year. The by-poll to Radha Krishnan Nagar Assembly constituency will be held on December 21.

The EC had on November 23 allotted the 'two leaves' symbol to the unified AIADMK led by Palaniswami and Panneerselvam, dealing a blow to the Sasikala faction. "The group led by E Madhusudhanan and others is hereby recognised...as the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, which is a recognised state party in the state of Tamil Nadu and in the Union territory of Puducherry, for whom the symbol 'two leaves' is reserved in the said state and Union territory," the poll panel had said. The plea also sought direction for initiating appropriate proceedings against Madhusudhanan, AIADMK's candidate for the R K Nagar by-poll, Palaniswami, Panneerselvam and MLA Semmalai for their acts. It also sought to call for records and files relating to their dispute over the symbol.

Uppal, who was present along with advocate Amit Anand Tiwari, told the court that the poll panel has not only given a "perverse finding but has also committed serious illegalities while arriving at the decision". "The decision making process of the ECI is contrary to the settled legal principles. The EC has treated fabricated and untested material as genuine which has resulted in the hearing being unfair and consequently contrary to the principle of natural justice and therefore the proceedings and the order are void," the plea submitted.

The order of the Commission came as a setback to deposed party leader Sasikala, who is currently serving a four-year sentence in a Bengaluru jail in a disproportionate assets case, and her nephew Dhinakaran. Earlier, rival factions led by Sasikala and Panneerselvam had staked claim over the symbol. Palaniswami was then in the Sasikala camp. In an interim order in March this year, the EC had barred the two factions from using the party's name or its two leaves symbol in the by-poll. Later, a large number of legislators led by Palaniswami revolted against Sasikala and announced the merger of the two factions.

Saurashtra: Incomplete projects may come in way of BJP's bid to repeat success of 2012

RAJKOT, NOV 30 /--/ The ruling BJP may face headwinds in the form of resentment over incomplete projects, demonetisation and GST hassles in its bid to repeat its sterling performance in the previous Assembly polls in Gujarat's Saurashtra region.

The Saurashtra region, which goes to polls on December 9, sends 48 lawmakers to the 182-member Gujarat Assembly. The BJP had won 32 seats from the region in the 2012 state polls. Opposition parties have been accusing the government of failing to complete various development works, especially canal networks and irrigation projects. Asked about this, BJP's Saurashtra region spokesperson Raju Dhruv agreed partially, but claimed that many of these projects were at different stages of completion and therefore, the party needed another strong mandate to complete them. Dhruv sits in his newly set-up Rajkot office every day, holds meetings with party workers, issues statements and submits reports, mostly based on the feedback received from the party cadre on the battleground, to senior leaders.

Saurashtra, the largest region of Gujarat, comprises 11 districts. The BJP government had faced an outburst of Dalit anger last year when some members of the community were assaulted by cow vigilantes at Una in Somnath Gir district and a video of the incident went viral, making national headlines. Commenting on it, the BJP spokesperson said: "We never supported the (Una) incident and always denied any links to it. We detest the incident. I do not think it will have any impact on the electoral outcome." The fallout of demonetisation and the teething troubles of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) could be another worry for the BJP, which has been in power in the western state for over two decades. Rameshwar Patel, a ceramic tile trader in Rajkot, said the note ban went against the saffron party's plank of development-centric governance. "The demonetisation and the GST took away my business for almost a year. Not just I lost business, several labourers who used to work for me went back to Uttar Pradesh. Now my business is slowly improving, but I do not have the labour force to expand my business," he said. On the incomplete development projects, Kusumben Bhat, a resident of Padadhari village near Rajkot, said: "The BJP has been in power for so many years. The last three years could have been very good as our (former) chief minister Narendra Modi went on to become the prime minister." "I do not believe in the BJP's promises. Who had stopped Modi or the party from completing these infrastructure projects?" she said.

GUJARAT POLLS

State Notes

Child labourers rescued in UP

BHADOHI, NOV 30 /--/ Ten child labourers engaged in carpet weaving were freed following a police raid at a house in Nai Bazar locality here. On a tip off over phone from Araria district of Bihar on Wednesday night, police swung into action and raided the premises and freed 10 child labourers, labour enforcement officer, Mohammad Abbas said. The agent, who had brought the children, all in the age group of 8 to 13, was arrested, he said. The children have been sent for medical examination. Bhadoi is famous for carpet-weaving.

New Rajasthan DGP appointed

JAIPUR, NOV 30 /--/ The Rajasthan government today appointed 1985-batch IPS officer O P Galhotra as the new Director General of Police. Galhotra was posted as the Additional DG of armed battalions earlier and was appointed as the DGP following Ajit Singh's retirement today. He has served as a joint director, DIG and also as the SP in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), inspector general (IG)-rules, IG-railways, IG-Jaipur and as a superintendent of police in Bharatpur, Jodhpur, Chittorgarh and Dholpur.

Miscreants kill girl after failed abduction bid

BANDA, NOV 30 /--/ Miscreants killed a 16-year-old Dalit girl after they failed in their attempt to abduct her from her home in Aliha village in Banda district, police said. The girl, a student of class 10, was sleeping when the miscreants climbed up into the house and tried to abduct her, circle officer Baberu Om Prakash said. When she resisted, they battered her to death with stones and bricks, he said, adding the girl's father and brother, who jumped to her rescue, were injured. Her father has filed a complaint against neighbours. One of the miscreants left behind his jacket and the police's investigation was based on this lead, the CO said.

Question hour in MP Assembly washed out after ruckus over LoP's remark

BHOPAL, NOV 30 /--/ The Question Hour of the Madhya Pradesh Assembly was today washed out as the House was adjourned twice after uproar over an alleged remark made on Wednesday by Leader of Opposition Ajay Singh about Speaker Sitasharan Sharma.

As soon as the question hour began, state minister Gopal Bhargava alleged that the Leader of Opposition, Ajay Singh, had on Wednesday called Speaker Sitasharan Sharma, a bonded labourer (of the government) inside the House as well as outside it (after the Congress' demand for a discussion on the issue of women's safety was not entertained). "His statement calling Sharma a bonded labourer was widely published by the newspapers as well," Bhargava said.

UDF slams LDF govt for buildings ordinance

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOV 30 /--/ The Opposition in Kerala today hit out at the CPM-led LDF government for its decision to amend the Panchayat Raj Act and Municipalities Act to regularise unauthorised buildings, constructed on or before July 31, 2017.

"The decision would lead to massive corruption," Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala told a press conference here on the eve of the conclusion of 'Padayorukkam', the political rally from Kasargod to Thiruvananthapuram. Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi is scheduled to address a public meeting to be held at Shankumugham beach on Friday. Chennithala would address a meeting of state party leaders here on December 2 and also participate in former RSP leader Baby John's birth centenary celebrations. Slamming the LDF government, he asked whether this government was that of "encroachers and unauthorised constructors". The State cabinet had on Wednesday decided to recommend to the Governor to issue separate ordinances to amend existing Acts.

The Congress leader flayed the government for taking the 'ordinance' route to bring in important laws and said 'LDF is virtually making the state Assembly a mere watcher'. Alleging that the state vigilance department has become dysfunctional, Chennithala said the government has not appointed a full-time director as it wanted to 'wear out' corruption charges against its leaders. State DGP Lok Nath Behra is holding the additional charge of State Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau. Answering a question, Chennithala said the JD-U led by M P Veerendra Kumar, was an integral part of UDF.

Cong wants Left parties to join fight against BJP: Chennithala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOV 30 /--/ Senior Congress leader in Kerala Ramesh Chennithala today said CPM should join the initiative by his party to bring together "secular and democratic" forces to fight the BJP at the national level.

The Congress under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi was making attempts to forge unity among "secular and democratic forces to take on communal forces" and the right approach of CPM should be to become part of it, he said here. "People of the country wanted such a force to fight the communal and divisive forces. It seems that CPM leader Sitaram Yechury and the party's West Bengal units have taken a positive approach to this," Chennithala told a press meet.

Asked about CPM leader Prakash Karat's opposition to such a move, he said the Marxist leader committed a blunder by withdrawing the party's support to UPA-I government led by the Congress at the Centre in 2008.

"I hope he will not repeat the blunder again," he said. The senior Congress leader said CPM lost its relevance at the national level after it withdrew support to UPA-I. CPM-led LDF is ruling Kerala while the Congress headed UDF is in the Opposition. Both the fronts have ruled the state alternatively for the past few decades.

Vehicles damaged as rain accompanied with strong winds uproots a hoarding in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday.

Four arrested for running prostitution racket through website in Navi Mumbai

THANE, NOV 30 /--/The Navi Mumbai Police today arrested four people for running a prostitution racket through a website.

The Navi Mumbai Police in an official release said that the accused ran the racket through the website Navi Mumbai Escort Services. Police said that the accused would provide contact details to prospective customers and once these customers contacted the number, a deal would be made. Police arrested the four after a decoy, posing as a client, was sent to meet one of the accused near a local college as part of a deal, police said.

Police said they moved in as the deal was being finalised. The police gave the names of the arrested accused as Durgeshkumar Chowdhary, 21, Anilkumar Shah, 23, Ritesh Paswan, 21 and Aniket Pandey, 20, all residents of Shiravane village in Navi Mumbai. The police said that offences under sections 370(1)(3), read with 34, of the Indian Penal Code and also section 4 and 5 of the Prevention of Immoral Trafficking Act have been registered against the arrested persons at the Nerul police station.

Hizbul chief 's son hurt in Tihar jail scuffle

NEW DELHI, NOV 30 /--/ Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin's son, who is lodged in Tihar jail in connection with terror-funding cases, was among the 18 prisoners injured in a scuffle with security guards, officials said today.

All the 18 prisoners, including Syed Shahid Yusuf, were injured when the personnel of the Tamil Nadu special force intervened after one of their physically handicapped officers was assaulted by three inmates at Tihar central jail number 1 on the intervening night of November 21-22 during checking. These facts were conveyed by Tihar jail authorities to the Union home ministry in a report submitted yesterday, a ministry official said. The injured prisoners are being examined by a three-member team of doctors from the AIIMS here. A fact-finding team, headed by a district judge rank officer, has been constituted to investigate the entire incident. The commandant of the Tamil Nadu special force battalion deployed in Tihar jail has also been asked to conduct a separate detailed probe into the incident and take appropriate action against anyone found negligent, the official said. Giving details of the incident, the official quoting the Tihar jail report said, three prisoners, including a Kashmiri, were found to be having unauthorised materials and when Tamil Nadu special force sub inspector Muthu Kumar tried to remove them, the inmates resisted and assaulted him. As the officer, who is physically handicapped, was alleged beaten up by the three inmates, other policemen intervened in which the 18 prisoners, including Yusuf were injured.

After the incident, the team of Tamil Nadu special force was removed from the active jail duties. The jail authorities have deposited the relevant evidence, including CCTV footage, to the probe teams, the official said.

CG apprehends 15 Pak fishermen off Gujarat coast

AHMEDABAD, NOV 30 /--/ The Indian Coast Guard today apprehended 15 Pakistani fishermen and seized two of their boats after they allegedly ventured into Indian waters off Gujarat coast, an official release said today.

The two Pakistani fishing boats- Al Najab and Al Siddique - were detected by a Coast Guard ship during a routine patrol late last evening. Based on the information sent by the Coast Guard ship, an interceptor vessel was dispatched to the location, which was around 35 nautical miles off Mitha Port of Kutch, a defence release stated.

"The CG Interceptor vessel apprehended the two Pakistani boats, Al Najab and Al Siddique, along with 15 crew members around 35 nautical miles off Mitha Port," the release said.

"The boats as well as the fishermen are currently being brought ashore and will be handed over to the police for further investigation," it added.

Over 2 lakh passengers travel by Hyderabad metro rail on day 1

HYDERABAD, NOV 30 /--/ The Hyderabad Metro Rail has received an overwhelming response with over two lakh passengers travelling on the opening day of its commercial operations.

"On day one of the metro service, over two lakh passengers travelled....it was a record. It (turnout) was much beyond our expectation," Hyderabad Metro Rail Ltd (HMRL) managing director N V S Reddy told news agency PTI today.

Hyderabad Metro Rail Project, touted as the world's largest public-private partnership of its kind, commenced its commercial operations on Wednesday between Miyapur and Nagole, a total distance of around 30 kms, covering 24 stations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the 72-km long elevated metro project at Miyapur station on Tuesday.

According to Reddy, about 80 per cent passengers travelled for their work purpose, while the remaining ones were joy-riders. "Our expectation is that 1.5 lakh passengers will travel by the metro every day after a month," Reddy said.

HMRL is establishing feeder services, including buses from the metro stations, where it is also developing parking areas, he said. The metro train services are operational from 6 am to 10 pm. L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Ltd, the concessionaire developing the 72-km elevated metro project, has fixed a minimum of Rs 10 for a distance of up to two kilometres and the maximum fare is Rs 60 for a distance of more than 26 kms.

Electrical Works at Alipurduar

E-Tender Notice No : **ELE-Tender/18 /17-18/AP** Dated : **29-11-2017.** E-Tenders are invited for the following works: **SN. (1)** Tender No.: **AP/ELE/ 21/17-18. Name of Work:** At Alipurduar Division- Up-gradation of Running room/NCB by providing 8 nos. of Air Conditioning unit. **Tender Value :** ₹ 4,91,578/-. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 9,840/-. **SN. (2)** Tender No.: **AP/ EL/22/17-18. Name of Work:** At Alipurduar Division- Electrical works for replacement of dilapidated sub standard and old aged type-I quarters 4 units at Fakiragram & 4 units at Basugaon. **Tender Value :** ₹ 11,10,789/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 22,220/- **Date & time of closing of above E-tenders: 15.00** hrs. of **29-12-2017. Date & time of opening of above E-tenders: 15.30** hrs. of **29-12-2017.** The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tenders will be available upto **15.00** hrs. of **29-12-2017** in website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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CLEANING WORKS AT NEW JALPAIGURI COACHING DEPOT

E-Tender Notice No. 33/Mech./Pit Cleaning-NJP/16 dtd: 28-11-2017. Name of work: Cleaning of Pit Line, Sick Line, drains office and surrounding area including picking scraps and disposal of garbage at New Jalpaiguri Coaching depot for period of three (03) years. **Tender Value: ₹**8,69,752/-, **Earnest Money: ₹**17,400/-. **Date & time of Closing of tender at** 15.00 hrs. on 05-01-2018 and **opening of tender at** 15.30 hrs. on 05-01-2018. Detailed tender notice can be seen in website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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The undersigned being the authorised officer of **Tata Capital Financial Services Limited ("TCFSL")** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **14th December 2016** calling upon the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor, **Taurus Flexibles Private Limited ("Borrower"), Mr. Ravi Kshettry, Mr. Sashi Kshettry, Mr. Gautam Kshettry, Smt. Indira Kshettry, Shri Bhuvan Kshettry, Shri Rishi Kshettry and Smt. Ridhi Kapoor ("Mortgagor and Guarantors"),** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,30,90,644/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakhs Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four Only) due as on 13.12.2016** with further interest, cost, charges and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **27th day of November of the year 2017.**

The Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor's attention is hereby invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the TCFSL for an amount Rs. **1,30,90,644/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakhs Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four Only) dues as on 13.12.2016** with further interest, cost, charges and expenses thereon.

Description of the immovable property

All that leasehold land measuring about 10 cottahs comprised in municipal premises no.44, Ramadulal Sarkar Street (previously 44, Maniktala Street) within the limits of Kolkata Municipal Corporation under Police Station Girish Park (previously Maniktala) together with a building/structure thereon having a total covered area about 12716 sq.ft. (Ground floor measuring about 5724 sq. ft. along with 1268 sq.ft. asbestos shed and first floor measuring about 5724 sq.ft.) and the said premises is butted and bounded by

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Date: 27th November 2017 — Authorised Officer
Place: Kolkata — (TCFSL)