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Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 728/2015

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Petitioner(s)

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The applications IA NO.245432/2026, IA NO.251493/2026, IA NO.245387/2026 and IA NO.264010/2026 are taken Board.

Issue notice on the aforesaid applications,

returnable on 30.09.2026.

Learned Additional Solicitor General has furnished the following written instructions:

"4. Decisions

After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken:

i. Based on available air quality data as provided by CPCB, four locations namely Delhi, Bhopal, Kolkata and Chennai representing areas with comparatively higher and lower emission loads were identified for carrying out the proposed testing/study. CSIR-NEERI shall undertake the proposed study and submit the report in accordance with the agreed methodology, for assessment of impact due to Barium content in Generation 2 Green Fire Crackers.

ii. As per direction of the Hon. Supreme Court vide its order dated 22.07.2026, relaxation for new general joint fire crackers achieving the notified noise standards of 125 decibel, could be considered subject to the adherence of the conditions regarding shell number, shell size and time between burst as submitted in Report on New Generation Joint Firecrackers, subject to approval of competent authority.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair."

On decision (i), we are inclined to grant a period of two weeks to CSIR-NEERI for the purposes of carrying out the proposed testing/study.

On decision (ii), the learned ASG is directed to provide the measures which shall be undertaken, pertaining to the shell number, shell size and time between burst, as indicated by CSIR-NEERI in its report.

In the meantime, the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Union of India shall file its reply.

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ITEM NO.57

COURT NO.4

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