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CONMT.PET.(C) No. 425-426/2015 In W.P.(C) No. 523/2002

JUSTICE V.S. DAVE PRESIDENT, THE ASSOCIATION
OF RETD. JUDGES OF SUPREME COURT AND HIGH COURTS Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

KUSUMJIT SIDHU . & ORS. Respondent(s)

[ONLY IA NO. 217417/25 IS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM]
IA No. 217417/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION

Date : 20-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The larger issue that falls for consideration in these proceedings revolves around certain benefits/facilities to be made admissible to the retired Chief Justices and Judges of the High Courts. It is a matter of record that basic facilities, like domestic help, driver, telephone, medical reimbursement, and transit stay in Government Guest Houses/Circuit Houses, accorded to them vary from State to State. The lack of uniformity has prompted the Association of Retired Judges to firstly approach the authorities, and thereafter to invoke the jurisdiction of this Court.

2. It appears to us that the Union of India is also a vital stakeholder in these proceedings, especially when we expect that the financial burden ought to be shared by the Union of India and the States in a defined, proportionate manner. There can indeed be no doubt that these facilities must be ensured on uniform basis, and there is no reason whatsoever for such amenities being at variance from State to State.

3. Keeping these factors in mind, we have impressed upon learned

Solicitor General of India to persuade the Union of India for constitution of a Committee to lay down uniform guidelines on this matter. Let such a Committee be constituted within two weeks. There shall also be an advance request to the Committee to submit its recommendations to the Union of India as also to place on record before this Court within three months from the date of its constitution.

4. Post this matter on 03.11.2026.

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