



Press & Registration Appellate Board

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Item No. 1

File No.27/29/17-18-PRAB

Appeal of Shri Bhudev Prasad, Owner/Publisher, "Aligarh Hungama", Aligarh, U.P against the Order dated 03/1/2018 passed by Press Officer/City Magistrate, Aligarh, U.P.

Coram:

Mr. Justice C.K.Prasad

:Hon'ble Chairman

Prof. Smt. Sushma Yadav

:Hon'ble Member

Appearance

Appellate

: Shri Bhudev Prasad Verma

On behalf of Respondent(s)

: Absent

On behalf of RNI

:Shri R.K. Pillai, Asstt. Press Registrar

Order

Dated : September 27th, 2018

In view of the Order which the Appellate Board proposes to pass in this Appeal, it is inexpedient to give in details the facts of the case. Suffice to say that the declaration made by the Appellant earlier was authenticated. Later, on the basis of the certain complaints, the District Magistrate by the impugned Order has suspended the same. The Appellate Board has gone through the provisions of Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 and is of the opinion that no statutory provision confers on the District Magistrate the power to suspend the declaration. On this ground alone, the Order of the District Magistrate cannot be allowed to stand.

It is made clear that we have not expressed any opinion in regard to the merit of the case and the District Magistrate can proceed in the matter in accordance with the law.

In the result, the Appeal is allowed, the impugned Order of the District Magistrate is set aside with the observations aforesaid.

(Sushma Yadav)
Member

(Chandramauli Kumar Prasad)
Chairman

