IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (C) NO. 494 OF 2012

JUSTICE K.S. PUTTASWAMY ..PETITIONER(S) (RETD) & ANR.

**VERSUS** 

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.. RESPONDENT(S)

T.C.(C) No. 151/2013

T.C.(C) No. 152/2013

WRIT PETITION(C) No. 829/2013

WRIT PETITION(C) No. 833/2013

WRIT PETITION(C) No. 932/2013

TRANSFER PETITION(C) No. 312/2014

TRANSFER PETITION(C) No. 313/2014

WRIT PETITION(C) No. 37/2015

WRIT PETITION(C) No. 220/2015

TRANSFER PETITION(C) No. 921/2015

CONMT. PET. (C) No. 144/2014

WRIT PETITION(C) No. 494/2012

## CONMT.PET.(C) No. 470/2015 In WRIT PETITION(C) No. 494/2012

## SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRL.) No. 2524/2014

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 674/2015 <u>In</u> WRIT PETITION(C) No. 829/2013

## ORDER

- 1. This Bench is constituted only for the purpose of deciding the applications filed by the Union of India seeking certain clarification/modification in the orders passed by a Bench of three learned Judges of this Court dated 11.08.2015.
- 2. We have heard Shri Mukul Rohtagi, learned Attorney General for India, Shri Shyam Divan, Shri Soli Sorabjee and Shri Gopal Subramanium, learned senior counsels in extenso.
- 3. After hearing the learned Attorney General for India and other learned senior counsels, we are of the view that in paragraph 3 of the Order dated 11.08.2015, if we add, apart from the other two Schemes, namely, P.D.S. Scheme and the L.P.G. Distribution Scheme, the Schemes like The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employement Guarantee Scheme

(MGNREGS), National Social Assistance Programme (Old Age Pensions, Widow Pensions, Disability Pensions) Prime Minister's Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) and Employees' Providend Fund Organisation (EPFO) for the present, it would not dilute earlier order passed by this Court. Therefore, we now include the aforesaid Schemes apart from the other two Schemes that this Court has permitted in its earlier order dated 11.08.2015.

- 4. We impress upon the Union of India that it shall strictly follow all the earlier orders passed by this Court commencing from 23.09.2013.
- 5. We will also make it clear that the Aadhaar card Scheme is purely voluntary and it cannot be made mandatory till the matter is finally decided by this Court one way or the other.
- 6. All the applications for intervention and impleadment be heard along with the respective main matters.
- 7. Application(s) for modification/ clarification filed by Union of India/UIDAI is/are disposed of.

8. Since there is some urgency in the matter, we request the learned Chief Justice of India to constitute a Bench for final hearing of these matters at the earliest.

Ordered accordingly.

[ H.L. DATTU ]
J. [ M.Y. EQBAL ]
J. [ C. NAGAPPAN ]
J. [ ARUN MISHRA ]
J. [ AMITAVA ROY ]

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15, 2015.