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**REPORTABLE**

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

**REVIEW PETITION (C) NOS.1879-1881/2015**

IN

**WRIT PETITION (C) NOS.13/2003, 197/2004 & 302/2012**

STATE OF KARNATAKA

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

COMMON CAUSE AND ORS.ETC. ETC. ...RESPONDENTS

WITH

**R.P.(C) NO.1876-1877/2015 IN W.P.(C)  
NO.197/2004, R.P.(C) NO.1834/2015 IN W.P.(C)  
NO.197/2004, R.P.(C) NOS.2703-2705/2015 IN  
W.P.(C) NOS.13/2003, 197/2004 & 302/2012, R.P.  
(C) NOS.3191-3193/2015 IN W.P. (C) NOS.13/2003,  
197/2004 & 302/2012, R.P.(C) NOS.3275-  
3277/2015 IN W.P. (C). NOS.13/2003, 197/2004 &  
302/2012, R.P.(C) NO.3259/2015 IN W.P.(C)  
NO.197/2004, R.P.(C) NOS.3674-3676/2015 IN  
W.P. (C) NOS.13/2003, 197/2004 & 302/2012, R.P.  
(C) NOS.123-125/2016 IN W.P.(C) NOS.13/2003,  
197/2004 & 302/2012.**

**ORDER**

1. We have heard the learned counsels for all the contesting parties. Upon due consideration, we review our judgment dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 passed in Writ Petition (Civil) No.13 of 2003, Writ Petition (Civil) No.197 of 2004

and Writ Petition (Civil) No.302 of 2012 to the extent indicated below:

- (i) The exception carved out in paragraph 23 of the aforesaid judgment dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 permitting the publication of the photographs of the President, Prime Minister and Chief Justice of the country, subject to the said authorities themselves deciding the question, is now extended to the Governors and the Chief Ministers of the States.
- (ii) In lieu of the photograph of the Prime Minister, the photograph of the Departmental (Cabinet) Minister/Minister In-charge of the concerned Ministry may be published, if so desired.
- (iii) In the States, similarly, the photograph of the Departmental (Cabinet) Minister/Minister In-charge in lieu of the photograph of the Chief Minister may be published, if so desired.
- (iv) All other observations/directions in the aforesaid judgment dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

shall continue to remain in force subject to  
the above modification.

2. The review petitions are disposed of in the above  
terms.

.....,J.  
(RANJAN GOGOI)

.....,J.  
(PINAKI CHANDRA GHOSE)

NEW DELHI;  
MARCH 18, 2016.

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CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION  
WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 13 OF 2003**

COMMON CAUSE

...PETITIONER (S)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

...RESPONDENT (S)



**WITH**

**W.P. (C) No. 197 of 2004**

**&**

**W.P. (C) No.302 of 2012**

**J U D G M E N T**

**RANJAN GOGOI, J.**

1. Common Cause and Centre for Public Interest Litigation, two registered bodies, have approached this Court under Article 32 of the Constitution seeking an appropriate writ to restrain the Union of India and all State Governments from using public funds on Government advertisements which are primarily intended to project individual functionaries of the Government or a political party. The writ petitioners have also