

ITEM NO.1502

Court 2 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION XVII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

SUO MOTU CONTEMPT PETITION (CRL.) No(s). 1/2020

IN RE PRASHANT BHUSHAN & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

Respondent(s)

Date : 14-08-2020 This petition was called on for pronouncement of judgment today.

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The Court pronounced the judgment of the Bench consisting of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Mishra, Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.R. Gavai and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Krishna Murari.

The operative portion of the Signed Reportable Judgment is reproduced as under :-

"76. Insofar as the alleged contemnor No.2 is concerned, we accept the explanation given by it, that it is only an intermediary and that it does not have any control on what the users post on the platform. It has also showed bona fides immediately after the cognizance was taken by this Court as it has suspended both the tweets. We, therefore,

discharge the notice issued to the alleged contemnor No.2.

77. In the result, we hold alleged contemnor No.1 - Mr. Prashant Bhushan guilty of having committed criminal contempt of this Court."

At the request of Mr. Dushyant Dave, learned senior counsel, the matter is directed to be listed on 20.08.2020 for hearing on sentence.

(GULSHAN KUMAR ARORA)
AR-CUM-PS

(VIRENDER SINGH)
BRANCH OFFICER

(Signed reportable judgment is placed on the file)