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**AFFIDAVIT OF N.S. BISHT, UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HOME
AFFAIRS OF INDIA, 24 FEBRUARY 2014**

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

I.A. No. 5 of 2014

IN

Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 20370 of 2012

IN THE MATTER OF

Massimilano Latorre and Ors. ...Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union of India and Ors. ...Respondent(s)

AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF UNION OF INDIA

I, .N.S. Bisht Aged 48 years S/o P.S. Bisht, Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs , Govt of India, North Block, New Delhi do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

1. That I am currently working as Under Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs , Govt of India, New Delhi and am cognizant of the

facts of the case and am therefore competent to swear the present affidavit on behalf of the Ministry.

2. Pursuant to the order of this Hon'ble Court dated 18 February 2014, I am making this short affidavit for the purposes of placing on record the opinion given by the Law Ministry. Pursuant to a meeting of the Hon'ble Ministers, the matter had been referred to the Law Ministry for its opinion and on 21 February 2014, the Hon'ble Law Minister has recorded his opinion that the provisions of the SUA Act are not attracted to this case.
3. In the circumstances, appropriate steps will be taken to ensure that the chargesheet reflects this opinion.

4. I am placing this affidavit for the limited purposes of producing the opinion before the court. I am not dealing with any other aspect including with regard to the alleged delay in the trial and the other prayers made by the petitioners.

5. I crave leave to file a further affidavit, if required.

Verification

Verified at New Delhi on this the _____ day of February, 2014 that the contents of the paragraphs 1 to 5 of my above affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge and believe, that no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Signature
DEPONENT

(एन. एस. बिष्ट)
(N. S. BISHT)
उप सचिव/Under Secretary
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