ITEM NO.8 COURT NO.1 SECTION X

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition (Civil) No.517/2017

TODDY SHOP LICENSEE ASSOCIATION & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(With appln.(s) for appropriate orders/directions and intervention)

WITH W.P.(C) No. 853/2017 (X)

Date: 13-03-2018 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.M. KHANWILKAR HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Heard Mr. Raju Ramachandran, learned senior counsel along with Ms. Bina Madhavan, learned counsel for the petitioner in Writ Petition (C) No.517 of 2017, Mr. V.K. Biju, learned counsel for the petitioner in Writ Petition (C) No.853/2017, Mr. A.K. Panda, learned senior counsel for the Union of India, Mr. V. Giri, learned senior counsel for the State of Kerala and Mr. Kalleswaram Raj, learned counsel for the intervenor.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties, we think it appropriate to dispose of the present writ petitions singularly on the point that the order passed by this Court on 23rd February, 2018 in M.A. Nos.489-491/2018 in Civil Appeal Nos.12164-12166 of 2016, shall apply in full force to the cases of the petitioners. Needless to say that we have not addressed to the issue whether toddy would be covered under the definition of liquor. The said issue of law is kept open.

The writ petitions are, accordingly, disposed of.

The interlocutory applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(Chetan Kumar) Court Master (H.S. Parasher) Assistant Registrar