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Serial Number	Date of Judgment	Cause Title/Case No.	Subject
1	13-12-2023	IN RE INTERPLAY BETWEEN ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS UNDER THE ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION ACT 1996 AND THE INDIAN STAMP ACT 1899. vs CURATIVE PET(C) No. 44/2023 in R.P.(C) No. 704/2021 in C.A. No. 1599/2020	Enforceability of non-stamped arbitration agreements.
2	11-12-2023	IN RE ARTICLE 370 OF THE CONSTITUTION vs W.P.(C) No. 1099/2019	Challenge to the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.
3	06-12-2023	COX AND KINGS LTD. vs SAP INDIA PVT. LTD. ARBIT. PETITION No. 38/2020	When parties who have not signed an arbitration agreement can nonetheless be made party to an arbitration.

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4	10-11-2023	THE STATE OF PUNJAB vs PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB W.P.(C) No. 1224/2023	Whether a Governor can withhold action on a Bill and power of the Speaker to reconvene the session of the legislative assembly.
5	30-10-2023	MANISH SISODIA vs CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Crl.A. No. 3352/2023	Bail application filed by Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi.
6	20-10-2023	DR. BALRAM SINGH vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 324/2020	Directions to secure the elimination of manual scavenging.
7	17-10-2023	SUPRIYO @ SUPRIYA CHAKRABORTY vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 1011/2022	Whether members of the LGBTQIA+ community have a right to marriage.
8	03-10-2023	PANKAJ BANSAL vs UNION OF INDIA Crl.A. No. 3051-3052/2023	Requirements of a legal arrest under Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

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9	11-09-2023	C.B.I. vs DR. R.R. KISHORE Crl.A. No. 377/2007	Whether the Supreme Court's invalidation of Section 6A of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 would have retrospective effect.
10	04-09-2023	AMEENA BEGUM vs THE STATE OF TELANGANA Crl.A. No. 2706/2023	Guidelines to review preventive detention orders.
11	01-09-2023	REVANASIDDAPPA vs MALLIKARJUN C.A. No. 2844/2011	Right of child born out of void or voidable marriage to inherit coparcenary (joint family) property.
12	07-08-2023	V. SENTHIL BALAJI vs THE STATE REPRESENTED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR Crl.A. No. 2284-2285/2023	Habeas corpus petition filed by Cabinet Minister of Tamil Nadu.
13	11-07-2023	DR. JAYA THAKUR vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 456/2022	Challenge to the extension of tenures granted to the Directors of the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation.
14	18-05-2023	THE ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA vs UNION OF INDIA	Challenge to Tamil Nadu's amendments to the Prevention of

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		W.P.(C) No. 23/2016	Cruelty to Animals Act and its permitting of 'Jallikattu'.
15	11-05-2023	GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI vs UNION OF INDIA C.A. No. 2357/2017	Whether the Government of Delhi or the Lt. Governor of Delhi has control over the civil services of Delhi.
16	11-05-2023	SUBHASH DESAI vs PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, GOVERNOR OF MAHARASHTRA W.P.(C) No. 493/2022	Various constitutional questions emanating from the split of the Shiv Sena in 2022 and the disqualification petitions pending against Members of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.
17	10-05-2023	ADIVASIS FOR SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION vs UNION OF INDIA C.A. No. 2202/2012	Applicability of laws and rights of non-tribals within Scheduled Areas.
18	01-05-2023	SHILPA SAILESH vs VARUN SREENIVASAN T.P.(C) No. 1118/2014	Power of the Supreme Court to grant a divorce based on the consent of the parties under Article 142 of the Constitution.

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19	05-04-2023	MADHYAMAM BROADCASTING LIMITED vs UNION OF INDIA C.A. No. 8129/2022	Constitutional challenge to the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's restrictions on the operation of the Media One television channel.
20	21-03-2023	SUNDAR @ SUNDARRAJAN vs STATE BY INSPECTOR OF POLICE R.P.(CrI.) No. 159-160/2013 In CrI.A. No. 300-301/2011	Significance of mitigating factors when awarding the death penalty.
21	14-03-2023	UNION OF INDIA . vs M/S. UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION CURATIVE PET(C) No. 345-347/2010 In R.P.(C) No. 229/1989 & 623-624/1989 In C.A. No. 3187-3188/1988 and SLP (C) No. 13080/1988	Plea to increase the amount of compensation for victims of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy.
22	02-03-2023	ANOOP BARANWAL vs UNION OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE SECRETARY W.P.(C) No. 104/2015	Challenge to the procedure for appointing Members of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

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23	20-02-2023	APARNA AJINKYA FIRODIA vs AJINKYA ARUN FIRODIA C.A. No. 1308/2023	Challenge to DNA test on child to prove adultery.
24	10-02-2023	BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA vs BONNIE FOI LAW COLLEGE . C.A. No. 969/2023	Power of the Bar Council of India to prescribe a qualifying exam to practice as an advocate.
25	31-01-2023	JOSEPH SHINE vs UNION OF INDIA SECRETARY MA 2204/2020 in W.P.(CrI.) No. 194/2017	Clarification regarding the applicability of the offence of adultery to the armed forces after the offence was declared unconstitutional.
26	24-01-2023	COMMON CAUSE (A REGD. SOCIETY) DIRECTOR SH. H.D. SHOURIE vs UNION OF INDIA (A) MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SECRETARY MA 1699/2019 in W.P.(C) No. 215/2005	Revisions to guidelines on euthanasia and execution of 'Advanced Medical Directives'.
27	03-01-2023	KAUSHAL KISHOR vs THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH GOVT. OF U.P. HOME SECRETARY	Extent to which private (non-State) parties are required to respect the

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		W.P.(Crl.) No. 113/2016	Article 19 and 21 rights of other persons.
28	02-01-2023	VIVEK NARAYAN SHARMA vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 906/2016	Constitutional challenge to 'Demonetisation'.

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1	25-11-2024	BALRAM SINGH vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 645/2020	Constitutional validity of the insertion of the words 'socialist' and 'secular' in the Preamble
2	08-11-2024	ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY THROUGH ITS REGISTRAR FAIZAN MUSTAFA vs NARESH AGARWAL C.A. No. 2286/2006	Criteria for the determination of a minority educational institution.
3	08-11-2024	CENTRAL ORGANISATION FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION vs M/S ECI SPIC SMO MCML (JV) A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY C.A. No. 9486-9487/2019	Validity of unilateral appointment of arbitrators in public-private contract

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4	07-11-2024	TEJ PRAKASH PATHAK vs RAJASTHAN HIGH COURT C.A. No. 2634/2013	Challenge to the change in the 'rules of game' in recruitment process
5	06-11-2024	M/S. BAJAJ ALLIANCE GENERAL INSURANCE CO.LTD. vs RAMBHA DEVI C.A. No. 841/2018	Whether an LMV Licence Holder is legally competent to drive Transport Vehicles weighing less than 7,500 kgs.
6	05-11-2024	ANJUM KADARI vs UNION OF INDIA SLP(C) No. 8541/2024	Challenge to the constitutional validity of the Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education Act, 2004
7	05-11-2024	PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION vs STATE OF MAHARASHTRA . C.A. No. 1012/2002	Scope of the words "material resources of the community" under Article 39(b) of the Constitution

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8	23-10-2024	STATE OF U.P . vs M/S. LALTA PRASAD VAISH AND SONS C.A. No. 151/2007	State’s Power to Regulate Industrial Alcohol
9	17-10-2024	IN RE SECTION 6A OF THE CITIZENSHIP ACT 1955 vs W.P.(C) No. 274/2009	Constitutional challenge against Section 6A of Citizenship Act, 1955
10	15-10-2024	OMKAR vs THE UNION OF INDIA C.A. No. 10611/2024	Disqualification from an educational course cannot be solely based on quantified disability.
11	03-10-2024	SUKANYA SHANTHA vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 1404/2023	Challenge to caste-based discrimination in prisons
12	26-09-2024	V. SENTHIL BALAJI vs THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR Crl.A. No. 4011/2024	Power of constitutional courts to grant bail for offences in statutes with stringent bail conditions

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13	23-09-2024	JUST RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN ALLIANCE vs S. HARISH Crl.A. No. 2161-2162/2024	Whether viewing child sexual exploitation and abuse material is punishable under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012
14	13-09-2024	ARVIND KEJRIWAL vs CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Crl.A. No. 3816/2024	Whether the arrest of Mr. Arvind Kejriwal was legal and is he entitled to bail in the CBI case
15	23-08-2024	SHAJAN SKARIA vs THE STATE OF KERALA Crl.A. No. 2622/2024	Extent of bar against the grant of anticipatory bail in SC/ST offences
16	20-08-2024	IN RE: ALLEGED RAPE AND MURDER INCIDENT OF A TRAINEE DOCTOR IN R.G. KAR MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, KOLKATA AND RELATED ISSUES vs SMW(Crl) No. 2/2024	Urgent need to formulate institutional safety measures for medical professionals following the murder and alleged rape of a doctor in Kolkata.

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17	20-08-2024	IN RE: RIGHT TO PRIVACY OF ADOLESCENTS vs SMW(C) No. 3/2023	Use of judicial discretion when quashing rape conviction under IPC and POCSO
18	14-08-2024	MINERAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ETC. vs M/S STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA . C.A. No. 4056-4064/1999	Whether the judgment in Mineral Area Development Authority v. M/S Steel Authority of India should be given prospective effect.
19	09-08-2024	MANISH SISODIA vs DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT Crl.A. No. 3295/2024	Whether Manish Sisodia is entitled to bail due to prolonged incarceration and delay in trial
20	05-08-2024	GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI vs OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF DELHI W.P.(C) No. 348/2023	Whether the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi is bound by the aid and advice of the elected Delhi Government when nominating members of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi
21	01-08-2024	THE STATE OF PUNJAB vs DAVINDER SINGH C.A. No. 2317/2011	States' power to sub-classify Scheduled Castes for providing reservation

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22	30-07-2024	GAURAV KUMAR vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 352/2023	Whether State Bar Councils can charge a higher enrollment fees than set out in the Advocates Act.
23	25-07-2024	MINERAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ETC. vs M/S STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA . C.A. No. 4056-4064/1999	Whether states have the power to tax mineral rights and mine bearing lands and whether royalty on mining leases is a tax.
24	23-07-2024	GENE CAMPAIGN . vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 115/2004	Challenge against the approval of hybrid transgenic mustard DMH-11 for environmental release.
25	12-07-2024	ARVIND KEJRIWAL vs DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT Crl.A. No. 2493/2024	Challenging the validity of the arrest of Chief Minister of Delhi
26	11-07-2024	MD. RAHIM ALI @ ABDUR RAHIM vs THE STATE OF ASSAM C.A. No. 7332/2024	Standard for initiating proceedings doubting an individual's nationality under the Foreigners Act, 1946.

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27	08-07-2024	FRANK VITUS vs NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU Crl.A. No. 2814-2815/2024	Whether an accused can be required to share their location on Google Maps as a bail condition.
28	15-05-2024	PRABIR PURKAYASTHA vs STATE (NCT OF DELHI) Crl.A. No. 2577/2024	Challenge to arrest under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and need to inform accused of grounds of arrest in writing.
29	10-05-2024	ARVIND KEJRIWAL vs DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT Crl.A. No. 2493/2024	Interim bail for the Chief Minister of Delhi.
30	01-05-2024	SHARIF AHMAD vs THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH HOME DEPARTMENT SECRETARY Crl.A. No. 2357/2024	When is a chargesheet complete under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

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31	26-04-2024	ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORMS vs ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 434/2023	Challenge to the integrity of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs).
32	21-03-2024	M.K. RANJITSINH vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 838/2019	Steps needed to protect the Great Indian Bustard from potential extinction.
33	21-03-2024	NOBLE M PAIKADA vs UNION OF INDIA C.A. No. 1628-1629/2021	Challenge to exemptions from environmental clearances for roads and pipelines.
34	18-03-2024	NAVAS @ MULANAVAS vs STATE OF KERALA Crl.A. No. 1215/2011	Suitable term of imprisonment for murder.
35	11-03-2024	DEVU G. NAIR vs THE STATE OF KERALA Crl.A. No. 1730/2024	Habeas corpus petition to secure release of relationship-partner from parents.
36	07-03-2024	JAVED AHMAD HAJAM vs THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA	Quashing of criminal proceedings against individual for WhatsApp

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		Crl.A. No. 886/2024	status critical of government policy.
37	04-03-2024	SITA SOREN vs UNION OF INDIA Crl.A. No. 451/2019	Whether a legislator enjoys constitutional immunity from accusations of accepting bribes in connection with their vote in Parliament or a state legislature.
38	29-02-2024	HIGH COURT BAR ASSOCIATION ALLAHABAD vs THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH Crl.A. No. 3589/2023	Whether interim orders passed by High Courts automatically expire after six months.
39	20-02-2024	KULDEEP KUMAR vs U.T. CHANDIGARH C.A. No. 2874/2024	Challenge to the mayoral elections of the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation.
40	15-02-2024	ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATICS REFORMS vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 880/2017	Challenge to Electoral Bonds scheme.

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41	08-01-2024	BILKIS YAKUB RASOOL vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(Crl.) No. 491/2022	Challenge to the remission orders passed by the State of Gujarat releasing individuals convicted of gang rape during communal rights.
42	03-01-2024	VISHAL TIWARI vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 162/2023	Plea challenging SEBI's investigation into the Adani Group and seeking constitution of Special Investigation Team (SIT).

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1	30-04-2025	GAYATRI BALASAMY vs M/S ISG NOVASOFT TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED C.A. No. 6178-6179/2025	Power of the Court to modify an Arbitral Award under Section 34 and 37 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
2	15-04-2025	VARSHATAI vs THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA C.A. No. 5187-5188/2025	Validity of using Urdu as an additional language for official purposes in Maharashtra.
3	28-03-2025	IMRAN PRATAPGADHI vs STATE OF GUJARAT Crl.A. No. 1545/2025	Posting a poem promoting sacrifice and non-violence does not attract offences under Sections 196, 197, 299, 302, or 57 BNS; FIR registration in such cases is abuse of law.
4	25-02-2025	SUNIL KUMAR SINGH vs BIHAR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	Challenge to the expulsion of a member of the legislature

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		W.P.(C) No. 530/2024	
5	07-02-2025	VIHAAN KUMAR vs THE STATE OF HARYANA Crl.A. No. 621/2025	Consequence of not informing grounds of arrest
6	29-01-2025	INDEPENDENT SUGAR CORPORATION LIMITED vs GIRISH SRIRAM JUNEJA C.A. No. 6071/2023	Prior approval of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) under Section 31(4) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) is mandatory before approval of a Resolution Plan by the Committee of Credit
7	02-01-2025	URMILA DIXIT vs SUNIL SHARAN DIXIT C.A. No. 10927/2024	Right of a senior citizen to claim back their transferred property under the Section 23 of the Maintenance and Welfare of the Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007

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1	24-08-2017	JUSTICE K.S.PUTTASWAMY(RETD) vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 494/2012	Recognition of the right to privacy as part of the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21 and other rights guaranteed by Part III of the Constitution
2	09-05-2017	IN RE vs HONBLE MR JUSTICE C.S. KARNAN SMC(C) No. 1/2017	Contempt proceedings against Justice C.S. Karnan.

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1	10-12-2019	RAJENDRA DIWAN vs PRADEEP KUMAR RANIBALA C.A. No. 3613/2016	Constitutional challenge to the power of a state legislature to create a statutory appeal to the Supreme Court.
2	13-11-2019	ROJER MATHEW vs SOUTH INDIAN BANK LTD AND ORS CHIEF MANAGER C.A. No. 8588/2019	Constitutional challenge to the Finance Act, 2017 impacting the operation of various statutory tribunals.
3	02-08-2019	RITESH SINHA vs STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH Crl.A. No. 2003/2012	Constitutionality of requiring an accused person to provide a voice sample.

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1	02-03-2020	IN RE ARTICLE 370 OF THE CONSTITUTION vs W.P.(C) No. 1099/2019	Whether the constitutional challenge to the abrogation of Article 370 should be heard by a bench of five judges or by a bench of seven judges.

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1	28-07-2021	THE STATE OF KERALA vs K.AJITH Crl.A. No. 697/2021	the Supreme Court held that legislators' privileges under Article 194 do not extend to acts of public property destruction, and refused the withdrawal of criminal proceedings under Section 321 of the
2	28-06-2021	THE STATE OF KERALA vs LEESAMMA JOSEPH C.A. No. 59/2021	Right of persons with disabilities to reservations in promotion.

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1	15-12-2022	NEERAJ DUTTA vs STATE(GOVT.OF N.C.T.OF DELHI) Crl.A. No. 1669/2009	Whether a public servant can be convicted under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 without direct evidence.
2	05-12-2022	SUKHPAL SINGH KHAIRA vs THE STATE OF PUNJAB Crl.A. No. 885/2019	Power of a court to summon a new accused after trial has ended.
3	07-11-2022	JANHIT ABHIYAN vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 55/2019	Constitutional challenge to the 103rd Constitutional Amendment granting reservations to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of society.
4	19-09-2022	M/S TRIMURTHI FRAGRANCES (P) LTD. THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR	Whether the number of judges in the majority or the size of the bench

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		AGRAWAL vs GOVT.OF N.C.T OF DELHI THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (FINANCE) C.A. No. 8486/2011	determines the precedential value of a judgment.
5	16-08-2022	DEEPIKA SINGH vs CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL C.A. No. 5308/2022	Right to avail of child-care for non-biological children.
6	27-07-2022	VIJAY MADANLAL CHOUDHARY vs UNION OF INDIA SLP(Crl) No. 4634/2014	Constitutional challenge to provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.
7	21-07-2022	X vs THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI C.A. No. 5802/2022	Right of an unmarried woman to secure abortion after twenty weeks.

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1	27-09-2018	JOSEPH SHINE vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(CrI.) No. 194/2017	Section 497 IPC (Adultery) struck down as unconstitutional
2	26-09-2018	JARNAIL SINGH vs LACHHMI NARAIN GUPTA . C.A. No. 629/2022	Constitutionality of requiring quantifiable data to determine backwardness of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) and applicability of 'creamy layer' doctrine to SCs and STs.
3	26-09-2018	SWAPNIL TRIPATHI vs SUPREME COURT OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 1232/2017	Plea seeking live streaming of court proceedings and the Supreme Court's guidelines.

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4	25-09-2018	PUBLIC INTEREST FOUNDATION vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 536/2011	Can there be any additional grounds for disqualification from the membership of Parliament/State Legislature other than Article 102 and Representation of Peoples Act 1951
5	17-07-2018	TEHSEEN S. POONAWALLA vs UNION OF INDIA W.P.(C) No. 754/2016	Plea against lynching and mob violence by vigilante groups and the Supreme Court's guidelines to curb such unlawful activities.
6	04-07-2018	GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI vs UNION OF INDIA C.A. No. 2357/2017	Determination of the constitutional status of NCT Delhi
7	13-03-2018	BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA vs A.K. BALAJI . C.A. No. 7875-7879/2015	The Supreme Court clarified the scope of legal practice under the Advocates Act, 1961, addressing the roles of foreign lawyers and firms in India, including their ability to provide legal services, ad