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A Bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan will shortly hear a plea by Former CJ of Andhra Pradesh HC Justice V. Eshwaraiah against an order passed by HC directing for an investigation into his private telephone conversation regarding charges of misconduct against sitting SC judge.



Advocate Prashant Bhushan appears.

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Sr. Adv. Kapil Sibal states that he's appearing for the Intervenors and has nothing to say at the moment.

Bhushan narrates the events to the Bench.

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Bhushan: How can a private conversation be made a subject of inquiry ? What is the crime in having a private conversation, even if it's about the conduct of a SC judge ? Without even saying into me, the HC orders an inquiry ? How can that be done ?

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Bhushan: Your Lordship will need to issue notice and stay the inquiry as the inquiry is completely out of order.

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Justice Bhushan to Sibal: What do you want to say ?

Sibal: I just want you to issue notice on this Application. There is nothing private about this conversation. This is a motivated attack on the system.

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Sibal: What is private about this conversation ?

Bhushan: It's between two people.

Sibal: It's a motivated attack.

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Justice Bhushan: Do you admit that this conversation took place ?

Bhushan: The transcript is a bit incorrect, but it did take place.

Bench: File the correct transcript.

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Bench: Let us see what you have stated about this conversation and what does your Affidavit say.

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Bench: It is better if you file an Affidavit where you admit that the conversation took place and what needs to change. We'll take it up then and pass the order.

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Bench to Sibal: We will not hear intervention right now. Let him file Affidavit first.

Bhushan: We'll file copy of PIL that was not filed before.

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Matter will now be listed on Monday.

Bhushan: I'm surprised that Mr. Sibal and Mr. Salve are appearing for some intervenors.

Bench: It's always a pleasure to hear everybody.

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