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Further information on UA 39/96 (ASA 20/06/96, 16 February 1996) and follow-ups (ASA 20/14/96, 25 March 1996; ASA 20/20/96, 16 May 1996; ASA 20/40/96, 30 August 1996; ASA 20/43/96, 13 September 1996; ASA 20/45/96, 27 September 1996; ASA 20/48/96, 5 November 1996; ASA 20/54/96, 13 December 1996; ASA 20/56/96, 17 December 1996; ASA 20/01/97, 20 January 1997; ASA 20/18/97, 2 April 1997) - Death Penalty

INDIAGantela Vijayavardhana Rao, aged 25

Satuluri Chalapathi Rao, aged 24

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The death sentences against Gantela Vijayavardhana Rao and Satuluri Chalapathi Rao have been commuted to life imprisonment.

The authorities of the Central Jail, Rajamundry, in Andhra Pradesh state, reportedly received notification from the Home Secretary of Andhra Pradesh on 18 May 1998 that a Presidential Order had been given to commute the sentences. The Home Secretary requested that as of 18 May, the two people were to be treated as life convicts rather than death row prisoners.

Thank you very much to all who sent appeals on behalf of Gantela Vijayavardhana Rao and Satuluri Chalapathi Rao.