

Supreme Court upholds Auroville takeover

NEW DELHI, Nov. 8.

A five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court today upheld the decision of the Central Government to take over the management of Auroville in November, 1980.

The Bench comprising the Chief Justice, Mr. Y. V. Chandrachud, Mr. Justice P. N. Bhagwati, Mr. Justice O. Chinnappa Reddy, Mr. Justice V. Balakrishna Eradi and Mr. Justice R. B. Misra, gave this ruling while dismissing a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the takeover of Auroville in Pondicherry through a presidential ordinance on November 10, 1980.

According to the ordinance, the takeover was necessary in the "public interest" and was for a limited period of two years. — PTI.

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