

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

Order Sheet

W.P.(C) No. 3655 of 2021

M/s. ZEPHYR-VEPL-KCL (JV) -**Versus-** South Eastern Coalfields Limited & Ors.

09.09.2021	Dr. N.K.Shukla, Senior Advocate with Mr. Arjit Tiwari & Ms. Deepa Jha, Advocates for the Petitioner. Mr. Vaibhav Shukla, Advocate for the Respondents. Heard Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was given the contract for removal of the overburden and the period to execute was 1230 days. In the meanwhile, because of the lock down, certain vehicles would not be operated and as such revised programme period was given but during the period when the lock down operated, the vehicles required to be used in process were not allowed to use, as it would have been violation under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. Therefore, the SECL may be directed to take into account the period of lock down for which everything came to stand still. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that as on date no notice for any revocation of the bank guarantee has been issued. Let the reply be filed. List after three weeks. Ashok Sd/- (Goutam Bhaduri) Judge