

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD****R/FIRST APPEAL NO. 3402 of 2025****With****CIVIL APPLICATION (FOR STAY) NO. 1 of 2025****In R/FIRST APPEAL NO. 3402 of 2025**

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GENERAL MANAGER, OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LTD.

Versus

PATEL ARVINDBHAI PUNJABHAI &amp; ANR.

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Appearance:

SAUMITRA CHATURVEDI(8369) for the Appellant(s) No. 1

MR RAHUL DAVE, AGP for the Defendant(s) No. 2

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CORAM: **HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DEVAN M. DESAI****Date : 13/10/2025****ORAL ORDER****ORDER IN FIRST APPEAL:-**

1. Heard learned advocate Mr. Saumitra Chaturvedi for the appellant and learned AGP Mr. Rahul Dave for the respondent No.2.

2. Learned advocate for the appellant, at the outset, has submitted that the challenge in the First Appeal is against the award of interest to the claimants from the date of notification published under Section 4 of the Act. The Co-ordinate Bench in a similar set of question held that the interest shall be payable from the date of issuance of Section 4 notification.

The decision of the Co-ordinate Bench was assailed before the

Hon'ble Supreme Court and vide order dated 12.10.2018, the Hon'ble Supreme Court stayed the operation of the impugned orders and the petitioners were directed to deposit with the Reference Court the interest from the date of award. It is further contended that the issue is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court as on today. It appears from the submission canvased by learned advocate for the appellant that the question which has been raised by the appellant is against the award of interest in favour of the claimants from the date of issuance of the notification under Section 4 of the Act. Since the issue is pending before the Hon'ble Apex Court, appeal IS admitted.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader waives service of notice of admission for respondent No.2 in the respective First Appeals.

5. Registry is directed to call for the record and proceedings from the concerned Court below forthwith.

**ORDER IN CIVIL APPLICATIONS:-**

1. Heard learned advocates for the respective parties.
2. Learned advocate for the applicant contended that applicant shall deposit the compensation along with interest from the date of award with other statutory benefits within a period of six weeks.
3. Considering the submission made by learned advocate for the applicant, this Civil Application stands disposed of on condition that the applicant/s shall deposit the compensation along with interest from the date of award with other statutory benefits within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order.
4. On above condition, there shall be interim relief by staying the impugned judgment and award passed by the learned Tribunal / Court till final disposal of the First Appeal.

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**(D. M. DESAI,J)**