

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

MAIN CASE No: W.A.No.617 of 2026

PROCEEDINGS SHEET

Sl. No.	Date	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
05.	14.07.2026	<u>HCJ (AKrS,J) & GMM,J</u> <u>I.A.No.1 of 2026</u> This application is filed for condonation of delay of 117 days in filing the writ appeal. Heard Mr. P. Sri Harsha Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), appearing for the petitioners and Mr. V. Seetharama Avadhani, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.1/writ petitioner. On hearing learned counsel for the parties and as there is no serious objection from the learned counsel for respondent No.1 to the delay, this interlocutory application seeking condonation of delay of 117 days in filing the appeal is allowed. <u>W.A.No.617 of 2026</u> Mr. P. Sri Harsha Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), appears for the appellants. Mr. V. Seetharama Avadhani, learned counsel appears for respondent No.1/writ petitioner. The Writ Petition was preferred by respondent No.1 to declare the action of the SCCL in insisting for extension of bank guarantees till the final bills were processed as per the work order issued to it, as illegal and arbitrary. As per the stand of the appellants, the contract of 2016 was for overburden removal in respect of which the final bill settlement is pending due to a vigilance enquiry. Apart from	Transferred to i/o folder, before corrections, if any.

		that, the CAG has also, in its report, found shortages, diversion of diesel, ineligibility for diesel bonus and recommended recoveries totalling to Rs.148.847 crores, in respect of which a criminal case is also pending. The learned writ Court, in this background facts involving interplay of reciprocal terms and conditions of the contract and the pending criminal case, directed the SCCL to release the bank guarantees <i>vide</i> paragraph No.6 of the impugned order dated 09.12.2025, which is quoted hereunder: “Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of recording the undertaking given by the petitioner. The respondents are directed to release the bank guarantee covered under letter Ref.No.SRP/FAD/Bills/202526/1099 dated 15.09.2025 Bank Guarantee Nos.1303922BG0000932 dated 27.12.2022 amounting to Rs.8,18,00,000/- and 1303922BG0000933 dated 27.12.2022 amounting to Rs.8,18,00,000/- issued by respondent No.6 in accordance with law and in terms of the work order. There shall be no order as to costs.” The aggrieved SCCL has preferred the instant appeal. The direction issued by the learned writ Court in the impugned order dated 09.12.2025, passed in W.P.No.28313 of 2025, being beyond the relief prayed by respondent No.1/writ petitioner, the same is stayed, pending final consideration of the appeal. The matter be posted after four weeks. Parties to submit their respective written submissions in the meantime. _____ HCJ(AKrS,J) _____ GMM,J MD	
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