

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 7976/2026

SDB Builder, Through Its Authorized Representative Babu Lal Prajapat S/o Durgaram Prajapat, Aged About 53 Years, R/o B.r. Birla Ke Samne, B-36 Vaishnav Nagar, 2Nd Pal, Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through The Secretary, Department Of Transport, Secretariat, Jaipur Rajasthan.
2. The Regional Transport Officer, Jodhpur.
3. The District Transport Officer, Jodhpur.

----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Hemank Vaishnav
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Sandeep Soni for Mr. B.L. Bhati, AAG

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP MATHUR

Order

29/04/2026

By way of filing the present writ petition, the petitioner has prayed for the following reliefs:-

"It is therefore, respectfully prayed that this writ petition may kindly be allowed and by an appropriate writ, order or direction:-

- 1. Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing the Respondent No. 2 to forthwith process and complete the registration of the Petitioner's Construction Equipment Vehicle, namely Indo Power 16 TON Crane, purchased on 20.06.2025, in accordance with law and the Notification dated 10.02.2025.*
- 2. That the inaction, refusal, and failure of the Respondent Authorities to register the Petitioner's vehicle, despite full compliance and timely submission of the application within the statutory deadline, as arbitrary, illegal, unconstitutional, and violative of Articles 14 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India.*

3. That the direction may kindly be issued to the Respondent Authorities to issue the Registration Certificate (RC) of the aforesaid vehicle within a time-bound period as may be deemed fit in the interest of justice."

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner had submitted the requisite fee and documents, namely Form 21 (Rule 47)(a) and (d) (Sales Certificate) and Form 22, in the office of the District Transport Officer, Jodhpur, on 24.06.2025, seeking registration of its new construction equipment vehicle bearing Chassis No. HPCHYD16NRM002209 and Engine No. IF45005070PS. However, the said vehicle has not been registered without any valid reason.

3. Learned counsel, Mr. B.L. Bhati, learned AAG, submitted that although the department has received the registration fee deposited online by the petitioner, the vehicle could not be registered before 20.06.2025 due to non-submission of requisite original documents. He further submitted that the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, vide Notification GSR 163(E) dated 07.03.2024, amended Rule 115-A in compliance with the directions issued by the National Green Tribunal, providing that Stage-IV construction equipment vehicles manufactured on or before 31.12.2024 cannot be registered after 30.06.2025. It was thus contended that since the petitioner failed to submit the original documents on or before the cut-off date, the competent authority rightly denied registration of the vehicle in question.

4. Heard.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court finds that it is not in dispute that the 'CEV' Stage-V emission norms came into effect qua construction equipment vehicles with effect from 30.06.2025, and thus, no vehicle of the aforesaid category could ordinarily be registered after the said date. However, in the present case, it is also not in dispute that

the petitioner had purchased the vehicle in question on 26.06.2025 and the requisite documents were issued by the manufacturer/dealer on the same date. The registration fee was also deposited by the petitioner prior to 30.06.2025. Further, the vehicle was inspected at the DTO/RTO office by Ajay Sagar, Transport Inspector, Jodhpur, prior to the said cut-off date.

6. Thus, all essential formalities relating to the purchase and registration of the vehicle had been completed well before 30.06.2025. In such circumstances, it would be highly unjust and improper to deny registration of the petitioner's vehicle merely on the ground of delayed submission of certain documents.

7. In the considered opinion of this Court, once the purchase of the vehicle prior to the cut-off date i.e. 30.06.2025 is not in dispute, there remains no valid justification for the respondents to deny its registration.

8. In view of the aforesaid discussion, the present writ petition is allowed. The respondents are directed to register the petitioner's construction equipment vehicle bearing Chassis No. HPCHYD16NRM002209 and Engine No.IF45005070PS and issue a registration number forthwith.

9. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(KULDEEP MATHUR),J