

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 19672/2025

Mahesh Kumar Meena S/o Shri Lalaram, Aged About 45 Years,
Resident of Gram Panchota, Tehsil Nawa, District Nagaur.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. State of Rajasthan, Through Principal Secretary,
Department of Mines and Geology, Government of
Rajasthan, Jaipur
2. Additional Director (Mines), Jaipur Zone, Department of
Mines and Geology, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
3. Mining Engineer, Makrana, Department of Mines and
Geology, Khanij Bhawan, Makrana, District Didwana-
Kuchaman, Rajasthan - 341505

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. R.P. Singh, Sr. Adv. assisted by Mr. Ashish Poonia
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Rahul Lodha, Addl. GC

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE NUPUR BHATI

Order

24/03/2026

1. The instant writ petition has been filed with the following prayers:-

"i) Quash and set aside the impugned demand order dated 18.09.2025 passed by the Mining Engineer, Makrana initiating illegal recovery of Rs.7,91,73,507.5/-.

ii) Direct the respondents not to take any coercive action against the petitioner pursuant to the impugned order during pendency of the statutory appeal.

iii) Direct the appellate authority to decide the appeal and stay application expeditiously within a time bound period.

iv) Direct the appellate authority and the department to refrain from deciding the matter in the absence of a proper and conclusive finding of the Committee regarding the nature and ascertainment of the mineral.

v) Pass any other appropriate order in favour of the petitioner in the interest of justice."

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner preferred an appeal on 24.11.2025 before the Additional Director (Mines), Jaipur Zone, while challenging the order dated 18.09.2025. He submits that the aforesaid appeal is still pending and the petitioner would be satisfied if the respondent No.2- Additional Director (Mines), Jaipur Zone is directed to decide the stay application and the appeal within a particular time frame.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents does not oppose the said prayer.

4. Thus, in view of the limited submissions, this Court deems it just and proper to direct the respondent No.2- Additional Director (Mines), Jaipur Zone decide the stay application filed along with the appeal No.355/2025 within a period of one week from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and the appeal be also decided within a period of four weeks thereafter, strictly in accordance with law, by way of passing a speaking order.

5. With the aforesaid direction, the instant writ petition is disposed of.

6. It is also made clear that for a period of one week from today, the respondents shall not take any coercive action against the petitioner, pursuant to the impugned order dated 18.09.2025.

(Dr. NUPUR BHATI),J