

ORDER

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2023:CHC-OS:5117

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
ORIGINAL SIDE

IA NO. GA/11/2026
In AP/40/2020
DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION
Vs
RELIANCE INFRASTRUCTURE LTD

BEFORE
HON'BLE JUSTICE GAURANG KANTH
Date: February 25, 2026.

Appearance:-
Ms, Vineeta Meharia, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Amit Meharia, Adv.
Ms. Paromita Banerjee, Adv.
Mr. Sayan Dey, Adv.
...for petitioner.
Mr. A. Majumdar, Adv.
...for respondent.

The Court:- This is an application filed by the petitioner seeking a direction upon the Registrar, Original Side to accept and take on record the original Bank Guarantee issued by Canara Bank, Large Cooperate Branch, Kolkata - 700016, extending the validity and claim period of Bank Guarantee bearing No. 2560_BG_163_22 dated 14.07.2022 for a sum of Rs.306,03,00,000 issued in favour of the Registrar, Original Side, High Court of Calcutta, presently extended till 27.01.2027.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to the order dated 23.11.2021 passed in GA/01/2020, the petitioner had furnished the aforesaid Bank Guarantee issued by the Canara Bank in favour of the Registrar, Original Side, High Court of Calcutta. The said Bank Guarantee was extended from time to time and remains valid till 27.01.2026. It is further submitted that, in the meantime, the petition under Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 being



AP/40/2020 was partly allowed by this Court. Being aggrieved thereby both parties preferred appeals before the Hon'ble Division Bench being AP0/203/2024 and APO/204/2023 which partly upheld the judgment of the learned single Judge.

Subsequently, Special Leave Petitions were preferred before the Hon'ble Supreme Court being SLP No. 25069 to 25070 of 2024 and 25789 to 24782 of 2024 which are presently pending consideration. By order dated 18.11.2024, the Hon'ble Supreme Court directed the parties to maintain status quo with regard to the Bank Guarantee. Since the Bank Guarantee expired on 29.01.2026, the petitioner had renewed and extended the same till 27.01.2027 and filed the present application seeking appropriate directions upon the Registrar, Original Side, to accept and take the renewed Bank Guarantee on record.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the application is allowed. The petitioner is directed to deposit the renewed Bank Guarantee with the Registrar, Original Side, within three days from date. Upon such deposit, the Registrar, Original Side, shall accept and take the same on record.

With the aforesaid directions, the present application stands disposed of.

(GAURANG KANTH, J.)