

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
SPECIAL CIVIL JURISDICTION (CONTEMPT)
ORIGINAL SIDE

CC No. 69 of 2025
With
WPO No. 610 of 2024

THAKUR MUNI MAJHAIN
VERSUS
SHRI SATISH JHA, THE CMD, ECL & ORS.

BEFORE:
The Hon'ble JUSTICE ARINDAM MUKHERJEE
Date: 11th July, 2025.

Ms. Simran Sureka, Mr. Debashis Das, Mr. Bratin Suin, Advocates for
the petitioner.

Mr. Manik Das, Adv. for respondents/alleged contemnors.

The Court :- By the order dated 14th January, 2025 which is the subject matter of the instant contempt application two directions were given. The first part was to consider and grant compassionate appointment to the male dependent of the deceased employee who was below 12 years at the time of the death of the employee as also at the time of making the application and as such was treated to be in the live roster upto his age of 18 years. The other direction was for providing Monthly Monetary Cash Compensation (in short 'MMCC') to the widow of the deceased employee so long as the employment to the legal male

heir of the deceased employee was provided or upto the date of the widow attaining the age of 60 years. The said order was carried on in appeal and the appeal was dismissed. Eastern Coalfields Limited (in short 'ECL') has provided the appointment by an offer letter dated 30th June, 2025.

It is submitted that the male dependent of the deceased employee in acceptance of such offer letter has either joined or is in the process of joining.

So far as the MMCC is concerned it is the case of the ECL that although they had offered a sum of Rs.38,20,181/- to the widow of the deceased employee as MMCC for the period 10th April, 2013 to 31st December, 2024 which has been recorded in the order under contempt but it was not till the employment was not offered to the male heir but upto the date of male heir attaining 18 years of age and as such came out of the live roster. MMCC is payable, according to ECL upto the date when the male dependent attains the age of 18 years and not upto the date of appointment of the male dependent on compassionate ground. MMCC for the period from the date of death of the employee upto the date on which the male dependent attains the age of 18 years has been paid as per the calculation made by ECL. So far as the balance portion is concerned, the matter is now pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court since ECL has challenged the order of the Division Bench which had confirmed the order under contempt by filing a Special Leave Petition being Diary No.34172 of 2025.

On behalf of the petitioner the fact that an offer letter has been given to the male dependent of the deceased employee and certain payment on

account of MMCC having been made to the widow is not disputed. The petitioner says that ECL should provide a computation as to the rate, the date from which MMCC has been allowed and the date upto which the same has been paid with the aggregate amount paid on such account.

Let such computation be provided to the petitioner within two weeks from date.

Since the issue is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the contempt petition is directed to go out of the list with liberty to mention.

(ARINDAM MUKHERJEE, J.)

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