

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

CSOS/5/2024

IA NO:GA/1/2025, GA/2/2025, GA/3/2025. GA/4/2025, GA/6/2025

RONENDRA CHOWDHURY AND ORS.
VS
SUBODH KUMAR MAJUMDER AND ANR.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE ARINDAM MUKHERJEE

Date: 10th November, 2025.

APPEARANCE:

Mr. Jishnu Chowdhury, Sr. Adv.

Mr. Soumalya Ganguli, Adv.

For plaintiffs

Mr. Samrat Das, Adv.

Mr. Anindya Sundar Chatterjee, Adv.

For applicant in GA/1/2025

Mr. Sabyasachi Chatterjee, Adv.

Mr. Pintu Karar, Adv.

Mr. Akashdeep Mukherjee, Adv.

Ms. Meghna Chowdhury, Adv.

For applicant in GA/2/2025, GA/3/2025 & GA/4/2025

Mr. Aishrawya Kumar Awasthi, Adv.

Mr. Supriyo Gole, Adv.

For defendants

RE: G.A. No.6 of 2025

The Court :- This is an application by the plaintiffs in an originating summons suit. Diverse prayers have been sought for which, according to the plaintiffs, is necessary in view of the observations made by the Joint Special Officers in the meeting convened by them.

On a conjoint reading of the orders dated 6th May, 2025 and 11th July, 2025, it will appear that the order dated 6th May, 2025 has been modified to the extent of only replacing the personnel who were appointed as Joint Special Officers under the order dated 6th May, 2025. Thus, all other observations and directions contained in the order dated 6th May, 2025 remain even after passing of the order dated 11th July, 2025.

This Court at the time of passing of the orders dated 6th May, 2025 and 11th July, 2025 was not in a position to assess what are the steps required to be taken by the Joint Special Officers for the sale of the properties and assets and, as such, the Joint Special Officers were granted complete liberty to decide on the modalities for the sale of the properties and assets of the trust in question through public auction or through any convenient mode which is transparent and shall enure the best return or sale proceeds therefrom. The discretion is, therefore, available to the Joint Special Officers on having been conferred by this Court. I find that any further clarification may limit the discretion already conferred on the Joint Special Officers and is as such not necessary at this stage.

It is, however, clarified that the bank account to be opened by the Joint Special Officers in terms of the order dated 6th May, 2025 as modified by the order dated 11th July, 2025 shall be a “No PAN Account”. If any of the nationalized banks are approached by the Joint Special Officers with the copy of this order, the said bank in support of the documents required for opening a bank account which is termed as “Know Your Customer” (in short KYC) shall

not insist upon production of the personal PAN or a copy of the PAN Card for such purpose.

The plaintiffs, the defendants and the beneficiaries who applied for intervention in the originating summons suit should through their respective advocates meet the Joint Special Officers so that the other issues falling for consideration in this application including the issue of the four sets of intervenors being represented by the two persons from each set accompanied by their respective advocates who may appear before the Joint Special Officers in the meetings to represent the intervenors can be conveniently resolved.

The time to file the report by the Joint Special Officers stands further extended till 30th January, 2026.

Let this matter appear in the list on 27th November, 2025.

(ARINDAM MUKHERJEE, J.)

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