

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
[CIRCUIT BENCH AT PORT BLAIR]

FMAT/1/2026
IA No. CAN/1/2026

M/s Andaman Timber Industries Ltd.

Vs

The Collector, Land Acquisition and another

Mr. Arul Prasanth ... for the appellant

Mr. Rakesh Kumar ... for the respondents

April 21, 2026
[SR]
Item No.6

1. The limited prayer of the appellant/land loser is for a direction on the respondent-authorities to deposit the awarded amount during the pendency of the appeal.

2. The appellant/land loser, in a land acquisition proceeding under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, sought for enhancement of compensation, upon which the impugned judgment was passed by the reference Court; being aggrieved by which the present appeal has been preferred.

3. In any event, even if the respondent-authorities had intended to prefer an appeal, which, we are apprised, they intend to, the respondents would have to secure the awarded amount. Accordingly, we direct the respondent-authorities to deposit the awarded amount with the Registrar of the Circuit Bench at Port Blair, High Court at Calcutta, within six weeks from date. Such deposit shall be without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the parties in the appeal.

4. Upon such deposit being made, the Registrar shall invest the said amount in a short-term interest-bearing

account/scheme with any Nationalized Bank, subject to the outcome of the appeal.

5. Since learned counsel for the respondents submits that the respondents also want to prefer an appeal against the self-same judgment, we make it clear that the deposit, as directed above, shall be considered to the statutory deposit in respect of such proposed appeal of the respondents (if filed) as well.

6. The appellant shall deposit the necessary requisites and costs for the preparation of paper books within a week from date. The paper books shall be prepared expeditiously, preferably within six weeks from date, by the department.

7. In view of the appearance of the respondents through counsel, service of notice of the appeal on the respondents is dispensed with and the appeal be treated to be ready as regards service.

8. Since we are informed that the Trial Court Records have already arrived before this Court, liberty is given to the parties to mention the appeal for enlistment as and when the same is ready for hearing.

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)

(Smita Das De, J.)