

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

FMAT(ARBAWARD)/1/2025
IA No.CAN/1/2025

The Union of India

Vs.

S. N. Kanungo

Mr. V.D.Sivabalan ... for the appellant

Mr. S.N. Das, (through VC)
Ms. Archana Devi ... for the respondent

October 31, 2025
[SR]
Item No.2

On the last occasion, we enquired whether the matter can be settled between the parties upon the Administration considering reduction of the interest component to 10% from 18%. The Chief Engineer, APWD appears before this Court and prays for some-time to approach the Work Advisory Board for a decision.

It is submitted that the said Board is the competent authority to take a decision on the suggestion given by the Court.

Needless to mention that, this suggestion has come from the Court, upon the Court perusing the decision of the Hon'ble Apex Court in respect of a similar award, which was under challenge. The Special Leave Petition was dismissed, but the interest component was reduced from 15% to 8%.

We trust that the authority will give a serious consideration to this aspect. Let the matter appear before this

Bench at the Principal Bench. The matter is marked heard-in-part, at the request of the parties in view of the progress made in the hearing. The execution case will proceed for the time being.

However, the Bench has kept an open mind.

Parties are at liberty to mention the matter after 15 days with regard to the outcome of the decision of the Board.

(Shampa Sarkar, J.)

(Ananya Bandyopadhyay, J.)