

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO.469/2026

VIPIN KUMAR SAXENA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
AUTHORITY, U.P. & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. The instant appeal is directed against the order dated 24.12.2025 passed by the National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi (in short the 'NGT'), whereby the appeal filed by the appellant has been dismissed on the ground of being barred by limitation.
2. The contesting respondent is on caveat.
3. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.
4. On revisiting the facts, we find that eventually there is a delay of two days only in respect of the order rejecting restoration applications dated 19.12.2024 and 07.01.2025.
5. In the facts and circumstances of this case, it seems to us that the appellant's claim deserves adjudication on the merits.
6. Consequently, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant appeal is allowed; the impugned order dated 24.12.2025 of the National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi, is set aside and Appeal No.45/2025 is restored to its original number and

file with a request to the NGT to decide the same on merits after hearing both sides.

7. The parties shall be at liberty to raise their respective contentions before the NGT.

.....CJI.  
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.  
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

NEW DELHI;  
FEBRUARY 05, 2026

ITEM NO.12

COURT NO.1

SECTION XVII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Civil Appeal No(s).469/2026

VIPIN KUMAR SAXENA

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
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Respondent(s)

(IA No. 24123/2026 - EX-PARTE STAY, IA No. 24124/2026 - EXEMPTION  
FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 24126/2026 -  
EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 05-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

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Mr. Shubham Upadhyay, AOR  
Ms. Anukriti Bajpai, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

1. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.
2. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(MANOJ KUMAR)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(signed order is placed on the file)