

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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No(s).3554/2006

(From the judgement and order dated 10/01/2006 CA No.170/2005 in
LPA No.26/2005 of The HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD)

PROJECT MANAGER, O.N.G.C. & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

ONGC LABOUR UNION & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With prayer for interim relief and office report)

SLP(C) NO. 4680 of 2006

(With prayer for interim relief and office report)

WITH SLP(C) NO. 15185 of 2006

(With prayer for interim relief and office report)

Date: 11/09/2006 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.K. MATHUR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALTAMAS KABIR

For Petitioner(s) Mr. K.P. Pathak, ASG

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S.L.P.(C)Nos.3554/06 etc. (Contd..)

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

These Special Leave Petitions have been filed against interim orders passed by the

High Court for payment of daily wages to the workers at the rate of Rs.190/- per day. This,

in our opinion, appears to be reasonable as that is the rate of minimum wages being paid by

the Oil & Natural Gas Commission (Now incorporated as Oil & Natural Gas Corporation

Ltd.) to other similarly situated employees also. Therefore, we are not inclined to interfere

with the orders passed by the High Court.

Learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the petitioners submits that the

L.P.As are pending since 2004/2005. The said L.P.As were preferred against the orders

passed in the writ petitions which were filed in 1985/1986. There

efore, learned Additional

Solicitor General submits that in view of the judgment of this Court in the case of State of

Karnataka v. Uma Devi [2006] 4 SCC 1, the High Court may be directed to expedite the

hearing as much water has flown under the bridge.

As the bread and butter of the small labourers are involved in the matter, we

request the High Court to expedite the hearing of the L.P.As and dispose of the same

preferably within a period of six months.

The Special Leave Petitions are disposed of accordingly.

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