

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 2812 OF 2007

CHITTA RANJAN DEBBARMA & ORS.

Appellant (s)

VERSUS

O.N.G.C. LTD. & ANR.

Respondent(s)

Date: 06/11/2008 This Appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.K. THAKKER

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LOKESHWAR SINGH PANTA

For Appellant(s) Mr. Sanjay Parikh, Adv.
Ms. Anitha Shenoy, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
ORDER

The present appeal has been instituted at the instance of the claimants being aggrieved by judgment and order passed by the Division Bench of the High Court of Gauhati in L.P.A. No. 3 of 2005 decided on November, 08, 2005.

On September 22, 2006, notice was issued by this Court. It appears that nobody appeared on behalf of the respondents. On May 18, 2007, leave was granted by this Court after hearing learned counsel for the petitioners and hearing of appeal was also ordered to be expedited. Even after about one and half years, nobody is appearing for the respondent-corporation-ONGC which is "public authority". Learned counsel for the appellants states that he is ready with the matter and an appropriate order may be passed taking into account the fact that the leave has already been granted and hearing has been expedited.

In our opinion, it would be appropriate if we issue fresh notice returnable within four weeks. The fresh notice, however, will state that leave has already been granted by earlier order dated May 18, 2007 and the appeal will, therefore, be placed only for final hearing.
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List immediately after four weeks.

Notice be also served through standing counsel, if any, for ONGC.

[Charanjeet Kaur]
Court Master[Vinod Kulvi]
Court Master