

R E V I S E D

ITEM NO.901

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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 Nos.4056-4064/1999

MINERAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ETC.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

M/S STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA . & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With IA No.83775/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No.43061/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.7151/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.237364/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.49848/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.49343/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.46599/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.46347/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.237166/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT and IA No.83772/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

WITH T.C.(C) No.232/2020 (XIV-A)

(With IA No.146937/2021 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No.96913/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No.104643/2020 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION and IA No.96916/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT)

C.A. No. 7937/2019 (XVII)

(With IA No.46905/2005)

W.P.(C) No.512/2018 (X)

C.A. No.7938/2019 (XVII)

C.A. No.7936/2019 (XVII)

(With IA No.3/2005, IA No.4893/2006 and IA No.4894/2006)

C.A. No.6221/2008 (XV)

C.A. No.5250/2019 (XV)

W.P.(C) No.729/2019 (X)

(With IA No.86350/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No.125348/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

W.P.(C) No.1029/2019 (X)

(With IA No.15499/2020 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING THE SPARE COPIES and IA No.120897/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

S.L.P.(C) No.16028/2021 (IV-C)

(With IA No.129758/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

C.A. No.4286/2023 (XV)

(With IA No.105840/2023-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)

C.A. No.5682/2007 (III-A)

(With I.A NO. 3 AND 4 (APPLN. FOR IMPLEADMENT & OT) ON IA 100327/2015)

C.A. No.1295/2008 (III-A)

C.A. No.874/2013 (IV-C)

(FOR ON IA 87006/2011 and FOR ON IA 5/2011)

C.A. Nos.8269-8271/2013 (XV)

C.A. No.8268/2013 (XV)

(With IA No.2/2017 - PERMISSION TO PLACE ON RECORD SUBSEQUENT FACTS)

C.A. No.8267/2013 (XV)

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(FOR ON IA 1/2013 FOR ON IA 33532/2013)

C.A. No.8272/2013 (XV)

C.A. No.9458/2013 (IV-C)

C.A. No.3272/2013 (XV)

S.L.P.(C) No.18600/2013 (XV)

(FOR ON IA 40740/2013 and FOR ON IA 105624/2013)

C.A. No.4332/2013 (XV)

C.A. No.5329/2002 (XII)

C.A. No.4993/2006 (IV-C)

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C.A. No.8273/2013 (XV)

C.A. No.8274/2013 (XV)

C.A. No.3869/2014 (III-A)

(With IA No.2/2015 and IA No.3/2015)

C.A. Nos.287-290/2013 (XV)

(With IA No.26589/2018 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION)

C.A. No.2632/2013 (XV)

C.A. No.14685/2015 (XV)

C.A. No.6784/2014 (XV)

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W.P.(C) No.376/2015 (X)

(With IA No.62668/2017 - I A FOR URGE ADDITIONAL GROUNDS and IA No.62811/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/

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C.A. No.10082/2016 (XV)

C.A. No.886/2017 (XV)

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C.A. No.5728-5729/2018 (IV-C)

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T.P.(C) No.722/2006 (IV-C)

(FOR ON IA 29391/2010)

C.A. No.4745/2006 (IV-C)

(FOR ON IA 36274/2010)

C.A. No.4990/2006 (IV-C)

(FOR ON IA 30560/2010)

C.A. No.5599/2006 (IV-C)

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C.A. No.5649/2006 (IV-C)

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T.P.(C) No.906/2007 (IV-C)

C.A. No.3401/2008 (IV-C)

C.A. No.3400/2008 (IV-C)

C.A. No.3402/2008 (IV-C)

C.A. No.8311/2011 (XV)

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S.L.P.(C) No.26160/2008 (XV)
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**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R**

- 1 Arguments concluded.
- 2 Judgment reserved.

Transferred Case (C) No 232 of 2020, Civil Appeal No 3272 of 2013, Civil Appeal Nos 287-290 of 2013, SLP (C) No 3849 of 2006 & Transfer Petition (C) Nos 300-304 of 2024

- 1 The Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum, Oil and Natural Gas has filed an affidavit pointing out the legal distinction in this batch of cases from the batch which has been heard by the nine-Judges Bench.
- 2 Mr Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India, therefore, submits that this batch of cases may be de-tagged to be heard separately.
- 3 Mr Rakesh Dwivedi, senior counsel appearing for the State of Assam states that he has no objection to this course of action being followed.
- 4 Without expressing any opinion on the submissions, we direct that the proceedings be de-tagged at the present stage.

IA No 54315/2024 In Civil Appeal Nos 4056-4064 of 1999

- 1 Mr K R Sasiprabhu, counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant states that the applicant does not wish to press the Interlocutory Application for intervention.
- 2 The Interlocutory Application is accordingly dismissed as not pressed.

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SECTION XVII

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Civil Appeal Nos.4056-4064/1999

MINERAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ETC.

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VERSUS

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(With IA No.83775/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No.43061/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.7151/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.237364/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.49848/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.49343/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.46599/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.46347/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.237166/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT and IA No.83772/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

WITH T.C.(C) No.232/2020 (XIV-A)

(With IA No.146937/2021 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No.96913/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No.104643/2020 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION and IA No.96916/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT)

C.A. No. 7937/2019 (XVII)

(With IA No.46905/2005)

W.P.(C) No.512/2018 (X)

C.A. No.7938/2019 (XVII)

C.A. No.7936/2019 (XVII)

(With IA No.3/2005, IA No.4893/2006 and IA No.4894/2006)

C.A. No.6221/2008 (XV)

C.A. No.5250/2019 (XV)

W.P.(C) No.729/2019 (X)

(With IA No.86350/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No.125348/2019 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

W.P.(C) No.1029/2019 (X)

(With IA No.15499/2020 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING THE SPARE COPIES and IA No.120897/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

S.L.P.(C) No.16028/2021 (IV-C)

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C.A. No.4286/2023 (XV)

(With IA No.105840/2023-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)

C.A. No.5682/2007 (III-A)

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C.A. No.1295/2008 (III-A)

C.A. No.874/2013 (IV-C)

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C.A. No.8267/2013 (XV)

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C.A. No.4993/2006 (IV-C)

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C.A. No.2632/2013 (XV)

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C.A. No.10082/2016 (XV)

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

- 1 Arguments concluded.
- 2 Judgment reserved.

Transferred Case (C) No 232 of 2020, Civil Appeal No 3272 of 2013, Civil Appeal Nos 287-290 of 2013 & SLP (C) No 3849 of 2006

- 1 The Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum, Oil and Natural Gas has filed an affidavit pointing out the legal distinction in this batch of cases from the batch which has been heard by the nine-Judges Bench.
- 2 Mr Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India, therefore, submits that this batch of cases may be de-tagged to be heard separately.
- 3 Mr Rakesh Dwivedi, senior counsel appearing for the State of Assam states that he has no objection to this course of action being followed.
- 4 Without expressing any opinion on the submissions, we direct that the proceedings be de-tagged at the present stage.

IA No 54315/2024 In Civil Appeal Nos 4056-4064 of 1999

- 1 Mr K R Sasiprabhu, counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant states that the applicant does not wish to press the Interlocutory Application for intervention.
- 2 The Interlocutory Application is accordingly dismissed as not pressed.

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