

ITEM NO.17

COURT NO.7

SECTION XV

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

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) DIARY NO(S). 7834/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 20-01-2026 in DBCWP(PIL) No. 3547/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jaipur]

GOQUEST SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

DR. BRIJMOHAN SAPOOT KALA
SANSKRITI SEWA SANSTHAN & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION

WITH

(IA No. 44930/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 44929/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

Date : 16-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

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

1. Permission to file the special leave petition is granted.
2. Petitioner impugns the judgment and order dated 20.01.2026¹ passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan, Bench at Jaipur while allowing a Public Interest Litigation². Paragraph 28 of the impugned order contains operative directions reading as follows:

28. While quashing all the auctions conducted for aforesaid 93 leases, i.e. in Tonk District 34 leases, in Bhilwara District 46 leases, in Sawai Madhopur District 4 leases and in Ajmer District 9 leases, we direct as under:

(a). The State authorities shall conduct a specific exercise as required under Para 11(iii) of the CEC report and prepare a complete plan which would be placed before this Court or before the Supreme Court in pending case, i.e. SLP (C) No.10587/2019 titled Bajri Lease LOI Holders Welfare Society Vs. State of Rajasthan and Ors., and after due approval thereof, the auctions would be conducted strictly in conformity with the provisions of Para 11(iii)(f) of the Report by restricting the auctioners from carrying out sand mining activity in all the blocks. The mining would be done blockwise in 5 blocks, even for the leases which may be of 100 hectares or less. Such condition would be incorporated in the bid document and the area to be kept for replenishment shall be clearly demarcated.

(b). The State Mining Department shall conduct the aforesaid exercise within a period of four months. Till then, no further sand mining activity shall be allowed to be conducted at the sites put up, for auction.

(c). It is made clear that as we have cancelled the auctions, any amount deposited by way of surety or security by all the bidding participants shall be returned to the concerned parties without interest.

3. The primary grievance of the petitioner is that though letters of intent were issued in its favour by the Government of Rajasthan on 15th and 17th July, 2025 for mining sand, it was not made a party to the writ petition and orders have been passed adverse to the petitioner behind its back.

¹ impugned order

² D. B. Civil Writ Petition (PIL) No.3547 of 2025

4. It is true that the petitioner was not made a party to the proceedings before the High Court. However, we are informed that parties who are similarly placed like the petitioner but were not impleaded as respondents in the writ petition have already approached the High Court with prayers for review of the impugned order. We are also informed that the review petitions are due to be listed on 24th February, 2026.

5. Bearing in mind such factual position as well as the law laid down by this Court in its decisions reported in (2019) 18 SCC 586 as well as the decision reported in AIR 1963 SC 1909, we are inclined to and grant liberty to the petitioner to apply before the High Court for review/re-consideration of the impugned order.

6. We clarify that *status quo* with regard to the letters of intent issued in favour of the petitioner, which has been directed to be canceled by the impugned order, shall be maintained till 24th February, 2026 subject to further order being passed by the High Court.

7. All points on merits are kept open.

8. The special leave petition stands disposed of, on the aforesaid terms.

9. All pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(JAGDISH KUMAR)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)