

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CIVIL APPEAL NO.4178 OF 2026

KLJ PETROPLAST LTD

APPELLANT

VERSUS

**GUJARAT POLLUTION CONTROL
BOARD**

RESPONDENT

ORDER

1. Gujarat Pollution Control Board¹ in exercise of power conferred by Section 31A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 has, *vide* an order dated 20.09.2023, levied interim environmental damage compensation to the tune of Rs.1 crore on the appellant as well as required the appellant to furnish a bank guarantee of Rs.20 lakh. Appellant, without prejudice to its rights and contentions, has complied with such order passed by the Board.

2. An appeal was carried to the National Green Tribunal (Western Bench), Pune which, by the impugned order dated 05.12.2025, has upheld the order dated 20.09.2023.

1 Board

3. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the appellant, at some length. Since the compensation which has been assessed by the Board appears to be interim in nature, we grant liberty to the appellant to approach the Board and raise all contentions in support of its claim that since there has been no environmental damage, no compensation should have been levied. Once the appellant approaches the Board, we expect the Board to decide the appellant's claim in accordance with law, as early as possible, but preferably within three months. It shall be open to the Board to increase/decrease/waive off the quantum of environmental damage compensation imposed on the appellant.

4. Needless to observe, whatever payment has been made by the appellant shall abide by the final decision to be given by the Board.

5. The civil appeal is disposed of, on the aforesaid terms.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

.....J.
(DIPANKAR DATTA)

.....J.
(SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA)

**New Delhi;
April 10, 2026.**

ITEM NO.23

COURT NO.8

SECTION XVII

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

Civil Appeal No(s). 4178/2026

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GUJARAT POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Respondent

FOR ADMISSION

I.A. No.101046/2026-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/
ANNEXURES

Date : 10-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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

For Appellant(s) : Ms. Shilpa Chohan, Adv.
Mr. R. C. Kohli, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Civil Appeal is disposed of in terms of the Signed Order which is placed on the file.
2. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(RASHI GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)