

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSSPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 13583/2026

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 13-11-2025 in AA No. 192/2023 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

MEINHARDT SINGAPORE PTE. LTD

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

BHOPAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (BMC)

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 97313/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No. 97314/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 16-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Sandeep S Tiwari, Adv.
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Mr. Rameshwar Prasad Goyal, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Delay condoned.
2. An Award was passed in favour of the petitioner by the sole arbitrator on 18.04.2019, whereby the petitioner's claim was partially accepted for a sum of Rs.12,60,26,768/- with interest @9% p.a. till the award date and @12% thereafter. Bhopal Municipal Corporation, against whom the Award was passed, filed an appeal under Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, which was partly allowed by the Commercial Court, Bhopal, vide

judgment dated 14.02.2023. The aggrieved petitioner has filed Arbitration Appeal No.192/2023 before the High Court under Section 37 of the Act. Vide impugned order, the High Court has declined to hear the appeal out of turn, citing the pendency of arbitration cases of 2001 onwards.

3. The case of the petitioner appears to be that the dispute is one governed by the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, and in view of Section 14 thereof, the petitioner's appeal deserves to be heard on an out-of-turn basis, as there is a time limit of six months prescribed under the Act.

4. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner. We dispose of this Special Leave Petition with liberty to the petitioner to move a fresh application before the High Court with a prayer for final hearing of its appeal within a reasonable period. We request the High Court to consider such an application sympathetically.

5. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR