

C.A.No. 1346 OF 1999

ITEM No.125

Court No. 1

SECTION XIV

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. 1346 of 1999

M/s. G.D. Engineering Construction

...Appellant(s)

vs.

U.O.I.

...Respondent(s)

(with office report)

Date: 13/01/2004 This/These matter(s) was/were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.H. KAPADIA

For Appellant (s)Mr. Balbir Singh Gupta, Adv.

For Respondent (s)Mr. Mukul Rohtagi, ASG
Mr. Ajay Sharma, Adv.
Ms. Sushma Suri, Adv.

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

Heard counsel for the parties for 10 minutes.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order. There shall be no order as to costs.

(D.P. WALIA) (JANKI BHATIA)
COURT MASTER COURT MASTER

(Signed Order is placed on the file)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
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Heard counsel for the parties.

The short question that arises in this case is whether the arbitrator was required to give reasons in the award.

The High Court by the impugned judgment has set aside the award merely on the ground that the arbitrator had not given reasons for giving his award. We do not find the view taken by the High Court as correct. Unless there is a statutory requirement to give reasons, an arbitrator cannot be said to have committed illegality if no reasons are given in the award.

For the aforesaid reason, the judgment and order under challenge is set aside and this appeal is allowed. There shall be no order as to costs.

.....CJI(V.N. KHARE)

.....J

(S.H. KAPADIA)

New Delhi;

January 13, 2004.