

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. _____ /2025
(@ S.L.P. Nos. 642-644/2017)

UNION OF INDIA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

A.V. SHANKUNTALA

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ /2025
(@ S.L.P.(C) No. 910/2017)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. _____ /2025
(@ S.L.P.(C) Nos. 416-418/2017)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ /2025
(@ S.L.P.(C) No. 955/2017)

O R D E R

1. C.As. @ S.L.P.(C) Nos. 642-644/2017

Leave granted.

The present appeal has to be allowed in view of the judgment of this Court in *Bhushan Power and Steel Limited v. S.L. Seal Additional Secretary (Steel and Mines), State of Odisha and Others*,¹ as the respondent is not the beneficiary of a Letter of Intent or prior approval of the Central Government to be covered under Section 10A(2)(c) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, read with the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015.

¹ (2017) 2 SCC 125.

The impugned judgment, to the extent of the respondent, is set aside accordingly and the appeals are allowed in the aforesaid terms.

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

C.As. @ S.L.P.(C) Nos. 910/2017, 416-418/2017 and 955/2017

Leave granted.

As the respondents do not fulfill the requirement under Section 10A(2)(c) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 - they neither have any communication from the Central Government giving prior approval and nor do they have the Letter of Intent (by whatever name called) - the application for grant of lease submitted by the respondents is to be treated as *non est* given the decision of this Court in *Bhushan Power and Steel Limited* (supra).

Accordingly, the impugned judgment in respect of the respondents is set aside and appeals are allowed in the above terms.

Learned Senior Advocate appearing for the applicant(s) seeks permission to withdraw I.A. Nos. 66540/2022 and 135653/2019 in SLP (C) Nos. 416-418/2017 and states that the applicant(s) have preferred a writ petition before the High Court.

In view of the statement made, the applications are dismissed as withdrawn.

However, we clarify that the State Government is entitled to argue and raise the plea that the issue is covered by the decision of this Court in *Bhushan Power and Steel Limited v. S.L. Seal*

*Additional Secretary (Steel and Mines), State of Odisha and Others*². This is disputed by the learned senior counsel for the applicant(s). We make no comments either way in this regard.

Other pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....CJI
(SANJIV KHANNA)

.....J.
(SUDHANSHU DHULIA)

.....J.
(SANJAY KUMAR)

NEW DELHI
APRIL 30, 2025.

ITEM NO.301 COURT NO.1 (REVISED FOR APPEARANCE)
SECTION XII-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No. 7964/2016

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-09-2015 in WP No. 10364/2015 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for The State of Telangana and The State of Andhra Pradesh]

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SLP(C) No. 18810/2016 (XII-A)

SLP(C) No. 18812/2016 (XII-A)

SLP(C) No. 18811/2016 (XII-A)

SLP(C) No. 20718/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 172627/2023 - DISCHARGE OF ADVOCATE ON RECORD

SLP(C) No. 17187/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 19533/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 18868/2016 (IV-C)

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SLP(C) No. 34575/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 34587/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 34578/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 34589/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 34580/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 31327/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 34592/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 34573/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 34576/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 34582/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 34586/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 34590/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 34583/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 26302/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 32366-32368/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 28751/2016 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 29975/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 39968/2017 - AMENDMENT OF APPEAL / PETITION / I.A.

SLP(C) No. 28395/2016 (IV-A)

IA No. 1/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 911/2017 (IV-C)

FOR ON IA 3/2017

SLP(C) No. 33784/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 2/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 1/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 50213/2021 - WITHDRAWAL OF CASE / APPLICATION

SLP(C) No. 2337/2017 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 2338/2017 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 37721/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 15639/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Diary No(s). 38486/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 20508/2018 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 20511/2018 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILEING / CURING THE DEFECTS

IA No. 20510/2018 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 20509/2018 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 34123/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 2/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 1/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 50247/2021 - WITHDRAWAL OF CASE / APPLICATION

SLP(C) No. 34097/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 2/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 1/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 50220/2021 - WITHDRAWAL OF CASE / APPLICATION

SLP(C) No. 34085/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 2/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 1/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 50236/2021 - WITHDRAWAL OF CASE / APPLICATION

SLP(C) No. 3248/2017 (IV-C)**SLP(C) No. 37723-37725/2016 (IV-C)****SLP(C) No. 38756/2016 (IX)**

IA No. 1/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 2/2016 - PERMISSION TO FILE ANNEXURES

SLP(C) No. 955/2017 (IV-A)

IA No. 1/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 2969/2017 (IV-C)

FOR ON IA 3/2017

SLP(C) No. 5982/2017 (IV-C)

IA No. 3/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 2/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 5299-5300/2017 (IV-A)

IA No. 103147/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

SLP(C) No. 6854/2017 (IV-A)

IA No. 166088/2022 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 157633/2022 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 157619/2022 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 63625/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL

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S.L.P.(C)...CC No. 8199-8200/2017 (IV-A)

IA No. 1/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

S.L.P.(C)...CC No. 8188/2017 (IV-A)

IA No. 1/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

SLP(C) No. 22349/2017 (IV-A)

IA No. 243267/2023 - APPLICATION FOR TAGGING/DETAGGING

Diary No(s). 4198/2018 (IV-C)

IA No. 47106/2018 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 47107/2018 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING / CURING THE DEFECTS

IA No. 48708/2018 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

SLP(C) No. 26932/2019 (IV-A)

T.P.(C) No. 2361/2019 (XII)

T.P.(C) No. 2354/2019 (XII)
FOR ADMISSION

T.P.(C) No. 2661/2019 (X)
FOR ADMISSION

Diary No(s). 1311/2020 (XII-A)

IA No. 17426/2020 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 17427/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

SLP(C) No. 9959/2020 (IV-A)
FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

SLP(C) No. 11921/2020 (IV-A)
FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

Diary No(s). 22120/2020 (IV-A)

IA No. 106333/2020 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 106335/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 106337/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 106336/2020 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

SLP(C) No. 6532/2023 (IV-C)

IA No. 110537/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 16099/2020 (XV)

IA No. 137008/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 14983-14984/2022 (IV-A)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R. AND IA No. 101705/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 30-04-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

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UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following

O R D E R

I.A. Nos. 60736/2022, 96390/2022, 167552/2022, 172868/2022 in SLP (C) No. 7964/2016 are dismissed in view of the decision of this Court in *Bhushan Power and Steel Limited vs. S.L. Seal Additional Secretary (Steel and Mines), State of Odisha and Others*³.

SLP (C) No. 30343/2017

It is stated on behalf of the respondent(s) that they had applied for forest clearance on 01.10.2008 and, therefore, the decision dated 04.01.2024 in the case of *State of Karnataka & Anr. v. Asha Mining Company & Anr.* (Civil Appeal No. 56/2024) will not be applicable.

Learned counsel appearing for the State of Karnataka prays for some time to obtain instructions.

Re-list in the week commencing 18.08.2025.

SLP (C) No. 6854/2017

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner(s) states that the land in question is not a forest land and, therefore, clearance or compliance with the forest norms under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, is not required. This position is disputed by the learned Senior Advocate appearing for the respondent-State.

The respondent-State will place on record copies of the Revenue records in order to enable the Court to ascertain the

correct position with regard to the land in question.

List the matters in the week commencing 18.08.2025.

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Leave granted.

The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.

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

Rest of the matters

List the matters in the week commencing 18.08.2025.

(BABITA PANDEY)
AR-CUM-PS

(R.S. NARAYANAN)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(signed order is placed on the file)

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COURT NO.1

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SLP(C) No. 18808/2016 (XII-A)

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IA No. 172627/2023 - DISCHARGE OF ADVOCATE ON RECORD

SLP(C) No. 17187/2016 (IV-C)

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SLP(C) No. 911/2017 (IV-C)

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SLP(C) No. 33784/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 2/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

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SLP(C) No. 2337/2017 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 2338/2017 (IV-C)

SLP(C) No. 37721/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 15639/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Diary No(s). 38486/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 20508/2018 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 20511/2018 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REILING / CURING THE DEFECTS

IA No. 20510/2018 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 20509/2018 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 34123/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 2/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 1/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 50247/2021 - WITHDRAWAL OF CASE / APPLICATION

SLP(C) No. 34097/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 2/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
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 IA No. 50220/2021 - WITHDRAWAL OF CASE / APPLICATION

SLP(C) No. 34085/2016 (IV-C)

IA No. 2/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
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IA No. 1/2016 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
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SLP(C) No. 955/2017 (IV-A)

IA No. 1/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 2969/2017 (IV-C)

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SLP(C) No. 5982/2017 (IV-C)

IA No. 3/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
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SLP(C) No. 5299-5300/2017 (IV-A)

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 IA No. 157633/2022 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
 IA No. 157619/2022 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
 IA No. 63625/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
 DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
 IA No. 2/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE SYNOPSIS AND LIST OF DATES

S.L.P.(C)...CC No. 8199-8200/2017 (IV-A)

IA No. 1/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

S.L.P.(C)...CC No. 8188/2017 (IV-A)

IA No. 1/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

SLP(C) No. 22349/2017 (IV-A)

IA No. 243267/2023 - APPLICATION FOR TAGGING/DETAGGING

Diary No(s). 4198/2018 (IV-C)

IA No. 47106/2018 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
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 DEFECTS
 IA No. 48708/2018 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
 DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

SLP(C) No. 26932/2019 (IV-A)

T.P.(C) No. 2361/2019 (XII)

T.P.(C) No. 2354/2019 (XII)
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T.P.(C) No. 2661/2019 (X)
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Diary No(s). 1311/2020 (XII-A)

IA No. 17426/2020 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 17427/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT

SLP(C) No. 9959/2020 (IV-A)
FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

SLP(C) No. 11921/2020 (IV-A)
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Diary No(s). 22120/2020 (IV-A)

IA No. 106333/2020 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 106335/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT

IA No. 106337/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 106336/2020 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

SLP(C) No. 6532/2023 (IV-C)

IA No. 110537/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 16099/2020 (XV)

IA No. 137008/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 14983-14984/2022 (IV-A)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R. AND IA No. 101705/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM
FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 30-04-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following

O R D E R

I.A. Nos. 60736/2022, 96390/2022, 167552/2022, 172868/2022 in
SLP (C) No. 7964/2016 are dismissed in view of the decision of this

Court in *Bhushan Power and Steel Limited vs. S.L. Seal Additional Secretary (Steel and Mines), State of Odisha and Others*⁴.

SLP (C) No. 30343/2017

It is stated on behalf of the respondent(s) that they had applied for forest clearance on 01.10.2008 and, therefore, the decision dated 04.01.2024 in the case of *State of Karnataka & Anr. v. Asha Mining Company & Anr.* (Civil Appeal No. 56/2024) will not be applicable.

Learned counsel appearing for the State of Karnataka prays for some time to obtain instructions.

Re-list in the week commencing 18.08.2025.

SLP (C) No. 6854/2017

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner(s) states that the land in question is not a forest land and, therefore, clearance or compliance with the forest norms under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, is not required. This position is disputed by the learned Senior Advocate appearing for the respondent-State.

The respondent-State will place on record copies of the Revenue records in order to enable the Court to ascertain the correct position with regard to the land in question.

List the matters in the week commencing 18.08.2025.

C.As. @ S.L.P.(C) Nos. 642-644/2017, 910/2017, 416-418/2017 and 955/2017

Leave granted.

The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.

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

Rest of the matters

List the matters in the week commencing 18.08.2025.

(BABITA PANDEY)
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(R.S. NARAYANAN)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
(signed order is placed on the file)