

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2025
[ARISING OUT OF S.L.P. (CIVIL) NO.27289/2024]

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

MAHARAJ SINGH & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2025
(ARISING OUT OF SLP(C) No. 27295/2024)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2025
(ARISING OUT OF SLP(C) No. 27294/2024)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2025
(ARISING OUT OF SLP(C) No. 27292/2024)

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(ARISING OUT OF SLP(C) No. 27293/2024)

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(ARISING OUT OF SLP(C) No. 28278/2024)

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(ARISING OUT OF SLP(C) No. 28280/2024)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2025
(ARISING OUT OF SLP(C) No. 28274/2024)

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(ARISING OUT OF SLP(C) No. 28281/2024)

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(ARISING OUT OF SLP(C) No. 28282/2024)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. In these cases, petitions under Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short, 'the 1996 Act') are pending. The High Court was right in imposing condition of the appellant depositing 50 per cent of the compensation amount as a condition for grant of stay. However, the High Court should have secured the amount by directing the respondents-claimants to furnish a bank guarantee for the said amount to the satisfaction of

the Court in which Section 34 petitions are pending.

3. Accordingly, we modify the impugned orders to that limited extent. The withdrawal of the 50% of the amount deposited by the appellant shall be permitted subject to the respondents-claimants furnishing a bank guarantee for the said amount to the satisfaction of the said Court.

4. If the claimants failed to withdraw the amount on furnishing bank guarantee as aforesaid within four months from today, the amount shall be deposited in the fixed deposit with any nationalised bank and the fixed deposit shall be renewed from time to time till the disposal of the petitions before the High Court.

5. We are conscious of the fact that some of the claimants are not served. If they need any clarification/modification, they are free to apply to this Court.

6. The appeals are partly allowed on the above terms.

..... J.
(ABHAY S. OKA)

..... J.
(UJJAL BHUYAN)

NEW DELHI;
FEBRUARY 20; 2025.

ITEM NO.10

COURT NO.4

SECTION IV-B

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

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No.27289/2024

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 28-11-2023 in FAO No. 5751/2023 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

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Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

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Respondent(s)

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SLP(C) No. 28282/2024 (IV-B)

Date : 20-02-2025 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN**

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

Leave granted.

The appeals are partly allowed in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.

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

**(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS**

**(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)**