

ITEM NO.9+46

COURT NO.11

SECTION IX

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

ITEM 9**SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 48510/2023**

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 23-08-2023 in WP No. 2443/2022 passed by the High Court Of Judicature At Bombay)

M/S OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LTD.**Petitioner(s)****VERSUS****SURYAKAND D. LAD & ORS.****Respondent(s)****(IA No.254160/2023-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)****WITH****SLP(C) No. 27407/2023 (IX)****(FOR ADMISSION)****ITEM 46****SLP(C) No(s). 27228/2023****WITH****Diary No(s). 48515/2023 (IX)**

(IA No.257754/2023-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No.257755/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

Date : 15-12-2023 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :**HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HIMA KOHLI****HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH****ITEM 9**

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

1. Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General states that the issue raised in the Petitions for Special Leave to Appeal needs consideration by this Court for the reason that the MoU dated 06th June, 2006 covers 25,000 contractual employees and the ramifications of this order are wide spread. However, in view of the fact that only 59 respondents are before this Court in the present batch of petitions and the monetary involvement is limited to approximately ₹1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One crore only), the petitioner is ready and willing to release the said amount in favour of the respondents, without prejudice to its rights and contentions as raised in the present petitions.
2. Delay condoned.
3. Issue notice.
4. Ms. Amiy Shukla and Mr. Shashibhushan P. Adgaonkar, learned

Advocates on-Record who are on caveat, accept notice and seek time to file a counter affidavit.

3. Counter affidavit be filed within four weeks. Rejoinder affidavit be filed within four weeks, thereafter.

4. Subject to depositing the amount payable to the private respondents with the controlling authorities within a period of four weeks from today for being released in favour of the private respondents, operation of the impugned judgment shall remain stayed till further orders.

5. In the meantime, the petitioner shall file an affidavit furnishing the number of contractual workmen who would be affected by the impugned judgment and the monetary ramifications involved within four weeks with a copy to the other side.

6. List after service/pleadings are complete.

(Geeta Ahuja)
Assistant Registrar-cum-PS

(Nand Kishor)
Court Master (NSH)