

ITEM NO.50

COURT NO.4

SECTION XV

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

PETITION(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (C) NO(S). 36133/2015
(ARISING OUT OF IMPUGNED FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER DATED 19/11/2015
IN LPA NO. 832/2015 PASSED BY THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI)

STATESMAN LTD.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI AND ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

(WITH APPLN. (S) FOR RELEASE OF THE FIXED DEPOSIT AND INTERIM
RELIEF AND OFFICE REPORT)

Date : 13/04/2017 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RANJAN GOGOI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN SINHA

For Petitioner(s)

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

Leave granted.

The appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order. Consequently, all pending applications are also disposed of.

[VINOD LAKHINA]
COURT MASTER

[ASHA SONI]
COURT MASTER

[SIGNED ORDER IS PLACED ON FILE]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO(S) 5215 OF 2017
[Arising out of Special Leave Petition
(Civil) No.36133/2015]

STATESMAN LTD. . . . APPELLANT (S)

VERSUS

GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI
AND ORS. . . . RESPONDENT (S)

ORDER

1. Leave granted.
2. The challenge in the present appeal is against an order of the High Court dismissing the appeal filed by the appellant against the order of the learned single judge directing pre-deposit of 50% of the awarded amount as a precondition for hearing the writ petition filed by the appellant. By interim order of this Court dated 8th January, 2016, this Court had required the appellant to deposit a sum of

Rs.30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty lakh) with the Registrar of the Delhi High Court. The said order has been complied with.

3. It is stated at the bar that the main writ petition is fixed for hearing before the High Court on 26th April, 2017. Taking into account the totality of the facts of the case we are of the view that the amount of Rs.30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty lakh) deposited before the High Court in terms of the order of this Court dated 8th January, 2016 should be construed as sufficient pre-deposit for grant of stay of the recovery proceedings and hearing the writ petition on merits. The order of the High Court is modified accordingly and the present appeal is closed by requesting the High Court to decide the writ petition pending before it as expeditiously as possible.

4. The appeal is disposed of in the above terms.

.....,J.
(RANJAN GOGOI)

.....,J.
(NAVIN SINHA)

NEW DELHI
APRIL 13, 2017