

ITEM NO.42

COURT NO.15

SECTION XVII-A

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). 30099/2019

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 13-09-2019 in RP No. 615/2019 passed by the National Consumers Disputes Redressal Commission, New Delhi)

SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

BASANT KUMAR CHHAJED

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.194802/2019-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

Date : 09-01-2020 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIRUDDHA BOSE

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Tarkeshwar Nath, Adv.
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Mr. B.K.Pandey, Adv.
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For Respondent(s)

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

We are shocked that a Public Sector Undertaking has filed an Special Leave Petition in a matter of this nature.

The District Forum passed an award of about Rs. 5,00,000/- in favour of the claimant who had claimed medical reimbursement for the knee replacement of his wife. The Appeal of South Eastern

Coalfields Ltd. was dismissed by the State Commission on the ground of limitation. That order was challenged before the National Commission.

The National Commission issued notice on the revision subject to payment of Rs. 10,000/- as litigation expenses to the respondent, and further ordered deposit of 50% of the amount awarded .

This innocuous order has been challenged before us. We are sure that the petitioner - South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. must have spent a substantial amount in filing this petition. This is total waste of money and also unnecessary wastage of time of this Court. Therefore, we dismiss this petition with costs of Rs.50,000/-. The costs shall be paid to the claimant before the National Commission and in case of non-deposit of costs within four weeks from today, the National Commission shall not entertain the petition and the same shall be dismissed.

(SUMAN WADHWA)
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(PRADEEP KUMAR)
BRANCH OFFICER