IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11444 OF 2014

M/S ZUARI AGRO CHEMICALS LTD **APPELLANT(S)**

VERSUS

M/S ORIENTAL INSURANCE CO. LTD **RESPONDENT(S)**

O R D E R

1. We have considered the materials on record. We are not in agreement with the findings of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission ("Commission") that as the accident had occurred during the testing of the machine, the same shall not be covered by the insurance policy.

2. But keeping in mind the fact that the parties are litigating for over a decade, we are not inclined to remand the matter for fresh consideration by the Tribunal and by invoking our powers under Article 142 of the Constitution, we direct the insurance company to pay a compensation of Rs.1.75 crores within six weeks from date failing which the amount shall carry an interest @ 9% p.a. till realisation.

3. The appeal stands disposed of, in the above terms.

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

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(V. MOHANA)

NEW DELHI;
NOVEMBER 16, 2026.

ITEM NO.39 COURT NO.18 SECTION XVII-A

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

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VERSUS

M/S ORIENTAL INSURANCE CO. LTD Respondent(s)

Date : 16-11-2026 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANA

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

The appeal stands disposed of in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

(NITIN TALREJA) (PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS DY. REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)