

ITEM NO.33

COURT NO.3

SECTION IV-C

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). 22461/2026

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 16-06-2026 in WP No. 3942/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

KUNDAN GOLD MINES PRIVATE LIMITED

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH & ANR.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION, IA No. 185822/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 186913/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 186912/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES, IA No. 186166/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDL.DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 03-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR
(PARTIAL COURT WORKING DAYS BENCH)

For Petitioner(s) Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Dama Seshadri Naidu, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Prithu Garg, AOR
Mr. Ashutosh Arvind Kumar, Adv.
Mr. Shivam Singh, Adv.
Mr. Aryan Bhat, Adv.
Mr. Nidhiram, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

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

1. Heard Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner.
2. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner submits that the Letter of Intent (for short, 'LOI') was dated 21.03.2023 and the one year for compliance of the conditionalities would expire on 20.03.2024. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner

also draws attention to the clause which provides that this period is extendable at the behest of the State.

3. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner submits that the name change of the petitioner-entity happened on 01.06.2023. The Scheme of Prospecting which the petitioner was obliged to furnish was done on 23.08.2023. On 27.10.2023, the name change was noted by the Authority concerned. On 08.03.2024 before the expiry of the one year period, application for extension was made and since no reply was forthcoming, the writ petition was filed on 30.01.2025. Thereafter, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner fairly points out that a cancellation order has been made on 22.04.2025. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has done everything under its control and under the facts and circumstances, there was a power coupled with the duty on the part of the respondent-State to consider and pass the orders of extension.

4. Issue notice, returnable on 07th September, 2026.

5. Till further orders, *status quo* as on today, shall be maintained and there shall be an injunction restraining the encashment of the bank guarantee.

6. Call on 07th September, 2026.

(NIRMALA NEGI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(MANOJ KUMAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)