

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 10254 /2026
[@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION [CIVIL] NO.27534 /2026]

[@ Diary No(s). 43824/2026]

THE COLLECTOR LAND ACQUISITION & ANR. Appellant(s)

VERSUS

M/S ANDAMAN TIMBER INDUSTRIES LTD Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

We have heard the learned Additional Solicitor General for India appearing for the appellants and the learned Senior Counsel appearing for the respondent.

Usually, in a challenge to the proceedings under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, the deposit will be 50 per cent. Furthermore, in the case at hand, the appellant(s) have preferred an appeal before the High Court.

On facts, it is not in dispute that the appeal is pending consideration.

In such view of the matter, we modify the order passed by the High Court to the effect that the appellant(s) shall deposit the 50 per cent of the

amount, as determined by the Reference Court with proportionate interest, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Liberty is granted to the respondent to seek withdrawal of the amount, yet to be deposited by the appellant(s), in pursuant to our order passed today.

A similar liberty is also granted to the appellant(s) to oppose such an application.

The appeal stands disposed of, accordingly.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

.....J.
[M.M. SUNDRESH]

.....J.
[PRASANNA B. VARALE]

NEW DELHI;
AUGUST 03, 2026.

ITEM NO.49

COURT NO.4

SECTION XVI

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

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 43824/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-04-2026 in IA No.CAN 1 of 2026 in FMAT 1 of 2026 passed by the High Court of Calcutta at Circuit Bench]

THE COLLECTOR LAND ACQUISITION & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

M/S ANDAMAN TIMBER INDUSTRIES LTD

Respondent(s)

IA No. 223004/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

Date : 03-08-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Vikramjeet Banerjee, ASG
Mr. Shreekant Neelappa Terdal, AOR
Ms. Indira Bhakar, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Dama Seshadri Naidu, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Kanu Agrawal, AOR
Mr. Gaurav Vats, Adv.
Ms. Anukrati Awasthi, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

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

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(ASHA SUNDRIYAL)

DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POONAM VAID)

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

[Signed order is placed on the file]