

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
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Petitions for Special Leave to Appeal (C) Nos.33933-33934/2026
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 03-08-2026
in WPIL No. 7066/2006 and WPIL No. 7066/2006 passed by the High
Court of Judicature at Allahabad, Lucknow Bench]

STATE OF U.P. & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

V.M. SINGH

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION)

SLP (C) Nos.34195-34196/2026 (Item no 21)
(IA No. 296808/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 34816/2026 (XI) (Item no. 21.1.)
(IA No. 302596/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT)

Date : 06-10-2026 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU

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

1. Interim orders passed by the High Court of Allahabad are under challenge in these special leave petitions.
2. We have heard Mr. C.S. Vaidyanathan, learned senior counsel appearing for the State of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. C.A. Sundaram, learned senior counsel appearing for the U.P. Sugar Mills Association and Mr. Arunabh Chowdhury, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner(s) in the pending Public Interest Litigation before the High Court, at some length.
3. Our attention has been drawn by Mr. Vaidyanathan and Mr. Sundaram to the order dated 23rd December, 2021 passed by the Division Bench of the High Court in an earlier round of litigation which, according to the High Court, the Cane Commissioner has breached. The relevant part thereof reads as follows:

“We, accordingly, provide and direct that the Company/Occupier should clear all the dues of the farmers/petitioners herein along with interest @ 15 per cent per annum on delayed payment, subject to any waiver or reduction in this regard under Section 17(3) of the Act, 1953 as discussed, on the principle of ‘first supply, first payment”, positively, by 31.03.2022, failing which the Sugarcane Commissioner shall proceed to issue recovery certificate to the Collector for recovery of such dues whereupon the Collectors shall be under an obligation to recover the said dues by exercising all means permissible in law including coercive action against the concerned including the opposite party no.6- Company and its Directors.”

3. Our attention is also drawn to the order dated 3rd August, 2026 passed by the Division Bench wherein the assurance of the Cane Commissioner that the arrears would be recovered with interest @ 15% has

been recorded together with issuance of consequent direction on 30th July, 2026 for correcting the recovery certificates.

4. Since the judgment dated 23rd December, 2021 had rightly referred to Section 17(3) of the U.P. Sugarcane (Regulation of Supply and Purchase) Act, 1953 permitting waiver or reduction in appropriate cases and, accordingly, clearance of dues of the farmers was directed to be effected subject to such waiver/reduction, we grant liberty to the State as well as to the U.P. Mills Association to remind the High Court of such statutory mandate together with the observation made in the order dated 23rd December, 2021 and dissuade it from insisting on recovery of the dues at a flat rate of 15% interest. If the State as well as the Association raises such a plea, we have no doubt that the High Court shall bestow due consideration to it and pass appropriate orders.

5. With the above observations, the special leave petitions stand disposed of.

6. All points and contentions on merits are kept open.

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

(RAJNI MUKHI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA KOHLI)
COURT MASTER (NSH)