

of the five vessels. The High Court has rightly held that the dispute fell within the ambit of Sections 4(a) and 4(h) of the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017.

4. Given this situation, direction for arrest is unexceptionable.

5. However, it is open to the petitioners to secure the claim before the High Court and seek modification of the arrest order.

6. The special leave petitions stand dismissed.

7. In the event petitioners have already approached the High Court for vacating the arrest order on securing the maritime claim, the High Court shall make all endeavor to dispose of the application at the earliest.

8. With regard to the quantum of the claim, the learned Single Judge would take a decision independently and in accordance with law.

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

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