

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL No. 8967 OF 2026
(@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) No.4745/2024

STATE OF U.P. THROUGH PRINCIPAL APPELLANT(S)
SECRETARY & ORS.

VERSUS

M/S MANALI VINTRADE PRIVATE LIMITED RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. We have heard Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, learned Additional Solicitor General of India, for the appellant-State of Uttar Pradesh and Mr. Gaurav Agarwal, learned senior counsel for the respondent.
3. Appellant is aggrieved by the direction of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad (briefly the 'High Court' hereinafter) directing refund of the amount of royalty to the respondent for the period for which he could not carry out mining.
4. This Court by order dated 20.02.2024, had issued notice and directed stay of paragraph 12 of the impugned order. Paragraph 12 of the impugned order dated 10.10.2023 reads as under:

"(12) Accordingly, the petitioner be refunded the amount of royalty for the period he did not work within a period of one month. Since the petitioner did not mine for any fault of his, we also direct that interest at the rate of 6% *per annum* be given to the petitioner on the amount which shall be paid to him."

5. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and considering the materials on record, we are not inclined to interfere with the order passed by the High Court having regard to the peculiar facts of the present case.

6. Consequently, the appeal is dismissed.

7. Pending applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.

(UJJAL BHUYAN)

.....J.

(ATUL S. CHANDURKAR)

NEW DELHI;
July 14, 2026.
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Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No. 4745/2024

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 10-10-2023 in WRITC No. 26588/2023 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

STATE OF U.P. THROUGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
& ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

M/S MANALI VINTRADE PRIVATE LIMITED

Respondent(s)

IA No. 39750/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 39749/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 14-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ATUL S. CHANDURKAR

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

1. Leave granted.

2. Civil Appeal is dismissed in terms of the signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(IRAMNAZ)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(CHETNA BALOONI)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)