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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 35192/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 29-07-2026 in WA No. 73/2025 passed by the Gauhati High Court]

STHENOS CEMENT PVT LTD & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION)

Date : 16-10-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Krishnan Venugopal, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Ninad Laud, Adv.
Ms. Ishani Shekhar, Adv.
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For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Heard Mr. Krishnan Venugopal, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner.

2. Learned senior counsel contends that the petitioner has a prospecting licence and the petitioner had also made an application within the stipulated time and

further that the State Government had communicated the decision to grant the mining lease in favour of the

petitioner. Learned senior counsel further contends that under the scheme of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 read with Mineral (Other Than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016, the existence of an approved mining plan is a pre-condition only for signing of the mining lease and not at the stage of communication of the decision to grant the mining lease. It is further contended that the case of the petitioner would be saved under Section 10(A) (2)(b) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 as amended in 2015. Learned senior counsel contends that similar issues are pending consideration in Civil Appeal No.13693 of 2024 (*The State of Karnataka & Anr. v. Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited & Anr.*)

3. Issue notice.

4. Tag with Civil Appeal No.13693 of 2024.

5. In the meantime, *status quo* with regard to the area in question, namely, the area of 4.96 sq.kms. in Taliha, Upper Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh shall be maintained by the parties.

(ANITA MALHOTRA)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(NIKITA SINGH)
COURT MASTER