

ITEM NO.48

COURT NO.9

SECTION XI

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No.19953/2023

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-08-2022
in WT No. 723/2022 passed by the High Court of Judicature at
Allahabad)

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

S.R. COLD STORAGE

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 124015/2023 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 124017/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT)

Date : 09-09-2024 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) Mr. N Venkatraman, A.S.G.
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For Respondent(s) Mr. Abhinav Mehrotra, Adv.
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Delay condoned.

Learned Additional Solicitor General Shri N. Venkatraman

admitted that *de hors* merits of the matter, the petitioners Union
of India and others are aggrieved by the huge quantum of cost

imposed on the petitioners which was initially Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs only) and thereafter reduced to Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only). That in the event, this Court is not inclined to interfere in the matter on merits then the order as to costs of Rs.5,00,000/- may be set aside.

Learned counsel for the respondent submitted that there is no merit in this special leave petition. However, as far as waiving of the cost is concerned, the matter is left to the discretion of this Court.

In the circumstances, we dismiss the special leave petition. However, the order regarding cost of Rs.5,00,000/- imposed on the petitioners herein is set aside.

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

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