



**IN THE ADJUDICATORY BOARD FOR MAJOR PORTS, MUMBAI**  
**Application No.04/2023**

Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited ... Applicant

**Versus**

V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority ... Respondent

Appearance:

For the Applicant : Advocate Sumit Krishna Kumar Tiwari  
alongwith Mr. Ankur Saini, Representative

For the Respondent : Advocate Sukanya Bhaumik

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE A.J. DESAI, PRESIDING OFFICER**

**HON'BLE SHRI C. VISWANATH, MEMBER**

**HON'BLE DR. SANJEEV RANJAN, MEMBER**

**Date: 30 April 2026**

**ORDER**

Learned Advocate for Applicant has placed a communication dated 29 April 2026 issued by the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (Ports Wing) wherein it is submitted that the matter is under consideration by the Government of India with regard to dispute in question. He requests for time.

On the other hand, Learned Advocate for Respondent states that the issue is pending with the Government since long, however, no decision is taken by the department.

It is the case of the Respondent that an outstanding amount of around ₹2.1 crores is receivable from the Applicant, whereas it is submitted that as per the calculation of the Applicant, the maximum amount which may be liable to pay is around ₹57 lakhs.





Considering the fact that the issue is pending with Government of India and to arrive at the amount of dispute, the matter can only be adjourned on the ground that the Applicant deposits some amount with the Respondent.

Learned Counsel for Applicant on the statement made on behalf of Mr. Ankur Saini who is Representative for the Applicant states that the Applicant is ready to deposit an amount of ₹15 lakhs within a period of 4 weeks with the Respondent without prejudice and subject to outcome of the representation.

Considering the statement made on behalf of Applicant, this matter is adjourned on 05 August 2026. The Applicant shall file an undertaking today before the Adjudicatory Board that he shall deposit an amount of ₹15 lakhs with the Respondent on or before 29 May 2026.

Both the parties shall file the details of the calculation of amount. If the amount is not deposited by the Applicant, it is open to the Respondent to proceed with the notice of demand.



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(DR. SANJEEV RANJAN)  
MEMBER

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(C. VISWANATH)  
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(JUSTICE A.J. DESAI)  
PRESIDING OFFICER