



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.KUMARESH BABU

OA No. 507 of 2026

HMT Machine Tools Limited
No.59, Bellary Road,
Bangalore 560 032.
Represented by its Regional
Manager (South) Mr.R.Venkata Rao.

..Applicant(s)

Vs

Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research
Department of Atomic Energy,
Represented by its Regional Director,
Kalpakkam 603102

Also at
Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research,
Department of Atomic Energy,
Directorate of Purchase and Stores, No.6th Floor,
Shastri Bhavan,
No.4, Haddows Road,
Chennai 600 006.

..Respondent(s)

Judges Summons under Order XIV Rule 8 of O.S. Rules read with Section 9(1)(ii)(d) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, praying to issue an AD-INTERIM INJUNCTION directing the Respondent or its men, or its agents from awarding the balance works arising out of the Purchase Order bearing No. IGCAR/FAB/1817/PO/114935 dated 29.02.2016 to third party/parties until the disposal of the Arbitration Proceedings.

For Applicant(s): Mr.Sri Ganesh
For Mr.P.J.Rishikesh

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Gangadharan

**ORDER**

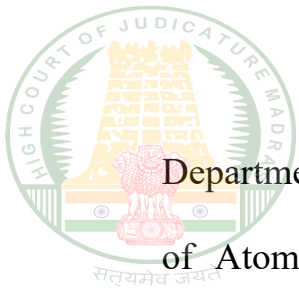
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This Original Application has been filed to direct the Respondent or its men, or its agents from awarding the balance works arising out of the Purchase Order bearing No. IGCAR/FAB/1817/PO/114935 dated 29.02.2016 to third party/parties until the disposal of the Arbitration Proceedings.

2. Mr.Sri Ganesh, learned counsel for Mr.P.J.Rishikesh, learned counsel for the applicant and Mr.K.Gangadharan, learned counsel for the respondent.

3. The dispute resolution mechanism as contemplated between two Government organizations was recorded by this Court, granting time to initiate the same. The parties were also directed to maintain status quo as on the date of passing the order made by this Court on 29.05.2025.

4. Today when the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned counsel appearing for the applicant had placed on record the initiation of the said process and the acknowledgment that had been issued through the portal had also been placed on record. As per the Office Memorandum issued with regard to resolution of disputes between two Departments, the same shall be resolved by the Committee comprising the Secretaries of the respective Administrative Departments, to which the disputing parties belong and the Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs. In the present case, the applicant belongs to the

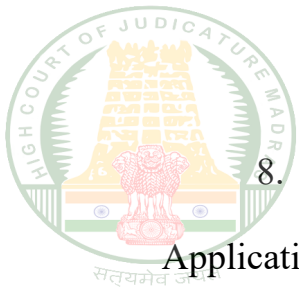


Department of Heavy Industries and the respondent belongs to the Department of Atomic Energy. In such circumstances, the Committee comprising the Secretary, Department of Heavy industries, the Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy and the Secretary, Department of the Legal Affairs would have to to resolve the dispute between the parties. Clause 4 of the Office Memorandum also indicates that the time line within which such resolution of the dispute should be made.

5. In view of the same, there shall be a direction to the Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs to constitute the Committee as required under Clause 4.1 of the Office Memorandum and resolve the dispute under Clause 4.3 of the Office Memorandum.

6. The Registry is directed to mark a copy of this order to the Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, New Delhi.

7. The order of status quo granted earlier shall continue till the disposal of the dispute resolution process before the Committee.



8. With the aforesaid directions and observations, this Original

Application stands disposed of. No costs.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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