

Item-94. 16-08-2024  
sg Ct. 29

CPAN 942 of 2024  
In  
MAT 1684 of 2022  
CAN 3 of 2024

Dr. Atanu Sasmal  
Versus  
Sanjoy Mallik, Vice-Chancellor & Ors.

Mr. Pradip Kumar Roy  
Mr. Tirthajit Roy  
...for the petitioner  
Mr. Victor Chatterjee  
Mr. Barnamoy Basak  
...for the alleged contemnors

1. The application for contempt and the application for extension of time to deposit the amount are taken up together for hearing.
2. On 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, we admitted the appeal of Visva-Bharati and granted unconditional stay for two weeks from that date with further direction that in the event the entire amount, required to be deposited in terms of the judgment and order dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, is made within a period of two weeks, the impugned order shall remain stayed till the disposal of the appeal.
3. However, the fact remains that the University did not deposit the said amount within the aforesaid period and file an application for extension of time to deposit the said amount on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 after the University was served with a notice of contempt.
4. In view of the fact that the deposit was not made within a period of two weeks, the contempt application was filed. However, the consequence of not depositing the said amount

would be the revival of the order of the learned Single Judge.

The contempt proceeding is pending before the learned Single Judge.

5. In view of the fact that we admitted the appeal and we feel that an opportunity should be given to the University to be heard on merits and the explanation offered from paragraph 6 onwards in the application of extension, we extend the time to deposit the said amount.
6. In fact, the entire amount was deposited with the learned Registrar General on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.
7. We record such compliance.
8. CPAN 942 of 2024 and CAN 3 of 2024 are accordingly, disposed of.

**(Soumen Sen, J.)**

**(Uday Kumar, J.)**