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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ LPA 772/2025, CM APPL. 79987/2025, CM APPL. 79988/2025 & CM APPL. 79989/2025
RUNGTA METALS PVT LTDAppellant
Through: Mr.Naveen Kumar, Mr.Prabhat Kumar, Mr.Ujjawal Kumar, Mr.Sudhanshu Pathak, Mr.Aditya Goyal and Ms.Isha Baloni, Advs.
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ANR.Respondents
Through: Mr.Vijram Jetly, CGSC with Ms.Shreya Jetly, Adv and Mr.Sarvesh Srivastava, GP. for UoI.

CORAM:
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA

ORDER
18.12.2025

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1. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.
2. Learned counsel for the appellant restricts his prayer for issuing a direction to the Tribunal created under Section 27 of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 for disposal of the dispute which may be raised by the respondent with expedition.
3. If we peruse Section 27 (3) of the said Act, we find that the said provision itself mandates the Tribunal to make an Award in writing within a period of 90 days from the institution of reference of the dispute.
4. Accordingly, we do not see any reason why the Tribunal may not abide by the said mandate as contained in Section 27 (3) of the said Act.
5. Learned counsel for the appellant has also drawn our attention to certain observations made by learned Single Judge in paragraph 8 of the impugned order, wherein it has been directed that *status quo* with respect to the concerned



Bank Guarantee shall be maintained for a period of two weeks from date of the order or till such time the matter is considered by the concerned Tribunal, whichever is earlier. The learned Single Judge has also provided that the bank guarantee shall be kept alive and subsisting till consideration of the matter by the Appellate Tribunal.

6. It is the submission of the learned counsel for the appellant that the interim protection granted by learned Single Judge may be extended till the disposal of the stay application, which may be filed while raising the dispute under Section 27 (3) of the said Act.

7. Accordingly, we provide that if any application for stay is preferred while raising the dispute under Section 27 (3) of the Act, the authority concerned shall decide the same as well, with expedition and till disposal of such stay application, the impugned protection granted by learned Single Judge shall continue to operate.

8. Since the two weeks' time provided by learned Single Judge would expire on 23.12.2025, we give further extension of time by another five days, i.e. by 28.12.2025.

9. We make it clear that in case the dispute is not raised under Section 27 (3) of the said Act within time as stipulated above, benefit of this order shall not be available to the appellant.

10. The appeal along with application(s) stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA, CJ

TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J

DECEMBER 18, 2025/MJ