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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 2384 of 2021

1 - M/s. Great India Tobacco Co. A Registered Partnership Firm Represented Through Its Partner Abhijit Paul, Having Its Registered Office At 11, Rupchand Roy Street, Kolkata- 700 007., District : Kolkata, West Bengal

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2 - Abhijit Paul, M/s Great India Tobacco Co. A Registered Partnership Firm, Residing At (Cf 124, Saltlake City, Sector-1, Kolkata- 700064) And Working For Gain At 11, Rupchand Roy Street, Kolkata 700007, District : Kolkata, West Bengal

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Department Of Forest, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar Nava Raipur, District Raipur Chhattisgarh

2 - Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce (Trading And Development) Co-Operative Federation Ltd., Having Its Office At Van Dhan Bhavan, Sector-24, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur Chhattisgarh, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh

3 - The Managing Director, Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce (Trading And Development) Co-Operative Federation Ltd., Having Its Office At Van Dhan Bhavan, Sector-24, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur Chhattisgarh, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh

4 - The Additional Managing Director, Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce (Trading And Development) Co-Operative Federation Ltd., Having Its Office At Van Dhan Bhavan, Sector-24, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur Chhattisgarh, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh

5 - The Executive Director (Trade And Development), Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce (Trading And Development) Co-Operative Federation Ltd., Having Its Office At Van Dhan Bhavan, Sector-24, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur Chhattisgarh, District : Raipur, Chhattisgarh

... Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s)	**:**	Mr. Shayon Kar, Advocate
For Respondent(s)	**:**	Ms. Anuja Sharma, Deputy Government Advocate and Mr. Animesh Tiwari, Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Krushna Ram Mohapatra, Chief Justice

Hon'ble Shri Santosh Sharma, Judge

Order on Board

***Per Krushna Ram Mohapatra*, Chief Justice**

14.10.2026

1. Heard Mr. Shayon Kar on behalf of Mr. Palash Tiwari, learned counsel for the petitioners. Also heard Ms. Anuja Sharma, learned Deputy Government Advocate for respondent No.1/State as well as Mr. Animesh Tiwari, learned counsel for respondents No.2 to 5.

2. The writ petition has been filed with the following prayer:-

> *"(a) That, this Hon'ble Court be pleased to quash the order dated 17.04.2020 (Annexure-P/4) passed by the Respondent authorities in the interest of justice.*
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> *(b) That, this Hon'ble Court be pleased to issue awrit in the*

nature of Mandamus commanding the respondents authorities to immediately refund the Earnest Money Deposit amounting to Rs. 13,10,000/- paid by your petitioner firm,

(c) That, this Hon'ble Court be pleased to a writ in the nature of Certiorari calling upon the respondents to transmit to this Hon'ble Court the entire records of the case so that conscionable justice may be administered to the parties therein;

(d) Any other relief, which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit be granted in the interest of justice."

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, in spite of repeated communications, there is no response from the petitioners. Hence, he does not want to press the writ petition.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents/Federation submits that the main relief claimed in the writ petition relates to the return of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD). The forfeiture of the EMD was pursuant to the termination of the contract.

5. In view of the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the writ petition is **disposed of** as not pressed.

Sd/-
(Santosh Sharma)
Judge

Sd/-
(Krushna Ram Mohapatra)
Chief Justice

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