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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 22.04.2026

National Highways Authority of India

.... Petitioner

Versus

Pritpal Singh and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Samarth Sagar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of directions to learned Additional District Judge, Rupnagar to expeditiously hear and decide the application filed by the petitioner under Section 36(2) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') vide Annexure P-4 in Objection Petition under Section 34 of the Act.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the objections under Section 34 of the Act were filed by the petitioner in the year 2022 along with an application under Section 36(2) of the Act seeking grant of stay, but the same have not been adjudicated till date. He further submitted that in this regard, the petitioner first moved an application before learned Additional District Judge, Rupnagar to decide the aforesaid objections under Section 34 of the Act and subsequently moved an application under Section 36(2) of the Act vide Annexure P-5 dated 20.03.2026 for grant of stay, but the same has also not been adjudicated upon.



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3. Learned counsel further submitted that the reason for filing the present revision petition before this Court is that since the Award was passed against the petitioner in the year 2022/2023, an execution application was filed by the respondent-Judgment Debtor and learned Executing Court is pressing hard to execute the Award in view of the judgment passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in "Periyammal (Dead) and others Versus V. Rajamani and another", 2025 SCC Online SC 507. He therefore prayed that considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, a direction may be issued to learned Additional District Judge, Rupnagar to consider and decide the application filed by the petitioner-NHAI under Section 36(2) of the Act in accordance with law within a fixed time-framework.

4. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner and considering the aforesaid submissions especially to the effect that the objections under Section 34 of the Act and the application under Section 36(2) of the Act have been pending since 2022/2023 and that the petitioner has already moved an application before learned Additional District Judge for their expeditious disposal, but no order has been passed till date, this Court deems it fit and proper, even without issuing notice to the respondents, to accept the prayer of the petitioner to the limited extent only.

5. The present revision petition is accordingly disposed of. Learned Additional District Judge, Rupnagar is directed to hear and decide the application filed by the petitioner-NHAI under Section 36(2) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

22.04.2026

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |