Appeal No. D-2/19/2021

M/s.Ghatak Security Services
Through Sh. None for the Appellant

Appellant

Vs.

APFC- Noida Respondent
Through Sh. S.N Mahanta, Ld. Counsel for the Respondent

ORDER DATED :- 22/08/2022

No rejoinder filed on behalf of the Appellant. Accordingly, the opportunity to file the rejoinder is ceased. List the matter on 07.12.2022 for final arguments.

Appeal No. D-2/21/2021

M/s.Rekhta Foundation

Appellant

Through Sh. Raj Kumar A/R for the Appellant

Vs.

APFC- Noida

Respondent

Through Sh. B.B Pradhan, Ld. Counsel for the Respondent

ORDER DATED :- 22/08/2022

No rejoinder filed on behalf of the Appellant. Accordingly, the opportunity to file the rejoinder is ceased. List the matter on 07.12.2022 for final arguments.

Appeal No. D-2/02/2021

M/s. Clixxo Broadband Pvt. Ltd. Through None for the Appellant

Appellant

Vs.

APFC, Noida Respondent Through Sh. Narender Kumar, Ld. Counsel for the Respondent

ORDER DATED :- 22/08/2022

The application filed u/s 151 CPC on behalf of the Appellant is dismissed as non pressed. List the matter on 07.12.2022 for final arguments.

Appeal No. 260(16)2017

M/s. Tact India
Through None for the Appellant

Appellant

Vs.

APFC, Gurgaon
Through Sh. S.N Mahanta, Ld. Counsel for the Respondent

Respondent

ORDER DATED :- 22/08/2022

The case called up several times. None appearing on behalf of the Appellant. Accordingly, the matter is dismissed for default. Consign the record as per rules after sending the copy of this order to both the parties.

M/s. Strucon Engineers
Through Sh. Dileep, Ld. Counsel for the Appellant

Appellant

Vs.

APFC, Gurugram Respondent Through Sh. Chakradhar Panda, Ld. Counsel for the Respondent

ORDER DATED :- 22/08/2022

Final arguments in this matter heard and concluded. List the matter on 12.10.2022 for pronouncement of order.

Appeal No. D-2/09/2021

M/s. Durable Doors & Windows Appellant Through Sh. S.P. Arora & Sh. Rajiv Arora, Ld. Counsels for the Appellant

Vs.

APFC, Gurgaon Respondent Through Sh. B.B. Pradhan, Ld. Counsel for the Respondent

ORDER DATED :- 22/08/2022

The matter is adjourned on the request of the Ld. Counsel for the Respondent. List the matter on 28.09.2022.

Appeal No. D-2/30/2022

M/s. Ecogreen Envirotech Solutions Ltd.

Appellant

Vs.

RPFC, Gurgaon(E)

Respondent

ORDER DATED :- 22/08/2022

Office report seen. The appeal is in order, hence, list the case for admission hearing on 24.08.2022. Inform the party accordingly

Appeal No. D-2/27/2019

M/s. Hi-Track Manpower Services Pvt. Ltd. Through Sh. J.R Sharma, Ld. Counsels for the Appellant

Appellant

Vs.

RPFC, Gurgaon Through Sh. B.B. Pradhan, Ld. Counsel for the Respondent Respondent

ORDER DATED :- 22/08/2022

Arguments on the miscellaneous application filed for vacation of stay heard and concluded and the following order is passed;-

This order deals with the application filed by the Respondent of the appeal, praying vacation of the interim stay granted by this Tribunal on the execution of the order impugned in the appeal, the objection raised by the appellant to the said application, and the specific argument advanced by the learned counsel for the respective parties.

Perusal of the record shows that the Tribunal, at the time of admission of the appeal had passed a conditional order of interim stay on the execution of the order challenged pending disposal of the appeal. Since, the appeal is pending for a long period and more than six months have passed since the date of the above said interim stay order, the Respondent , by filing the present petition has prayed for vacation of the stay in view of the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Asian Resurfacing of Road Agency Pvt Ltd & Another vs C B I.

It has been stated in the petition that the Tribunal by order dated 17.02.2020 has directed that there would be an interim stay on execution of the impugned order on compliance of the condition set out in the order. More than six months have passed since the date of that order and the stay granted has not been extended for a further period by a specific speaking order. The Hon'ble SC in the case of Asian Resurfacing of Road Agency & Anr vs Central Bureau of Investigation(Crl Appeal No1375-1376/2013)have held that

Para 36- " At times proceedings are adjourned sine die on account of stay. Even after stay is vacated intimations are not received and proceedings are not taken up. In an attempt to remedy the situation we consider it

appropriate to direct that in all pending cases where stay in against the proceedings of a civil or criminal trial is operating, the same shall come to an end on expiry of six months from today unless in an exceptional case by a speaking order the stay is not extended. In cases where stay is granted in future, the same will end on expiry of six months from the date of such order unless similar extension is granted by a speaking order. The speaking order must show that the case was of such exceptional nature that continuing the stay is more important than having the trial finalized. The trial court where order of stay of civil or criminal proceeding is produced, may fix a date not beyond six months of the order of stay so that non expiry of the period of stay, proceeding can commence unless order of extension of stay is produced."

In view of the said order and since no extension of stay has been granted by the Tribunal by a speaking order, the stay stands vacated on expiry of six month. Hence an order to that effect need to be passed for clarity.

Having heard the argument and on a mindful reading of the order passed by the Hon'ble SC in March 2018 in the case of Asian Resurfacing it appears that the directions given in para 35 and 36 will apply when

- i. A civil or criminal case is pending in a court, meaning thereby a trial court or the High Court exercising original civil jurisdiction
- ii. The trial has commenced either by framing of issue in a civil trial and or on framing of charge in a criminal trial iii. When the High court or civil or criminal Appellate/Revisional court have granted stay on the said trial proceedings and more than six months have passed since the date of order and no extension of stay has been

allowed by a speaking order. The aforesaid directions will not apply to cases where a quasi judicial body or Tribunal grants stay.

Here is a situation, where the stay granted has not stayed the trial of

any civil or criminal proceeding and the stay is specifically with regard to the recovery proceeding pursuant to a concluded inquiry and decision rendered by a quasi judicial authority, which is under challenge in the appeal.

It is true that the The Hon'ble SC , by their order dt 15th October 2020 passed in Asian Resurfacing case have reiterated that whatever stay granted by any court, including High Court, the same automatically expires after a period of six months , unless extension is granted for good reasons as per the judgment of March 2018. But this order can not be read in isolation. A conjunctive reading of para 35 and 36 the judgment of March 2018 and order dt 15th Oct 2020, leads to the only meaning that "A stay granted by

any court" means and refers to a stay granted by the civil and criminal Appellate/ Revisional courts mentioned in para36 of the judgment and specifically with reference to a pending civil or criminal trial. It is not applicable to an appeal pending challenging the order passed in an already disposed of proceeding by a quasi judicial authority.

It will not be out of place to mention that the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay in the case of Oracle Financial referred supra have held in clear terms that there being no allegation that the petitioner is responsible for delay, merely relying on the judgment of the Hon'ble SC the stay can not be vacated in an appeal where the stay is in respect of the implementation of an already decided order by a quasi judicial Authority and challenged in the appeal.

In view of the aforesaid discussion, it is held that the petition filed by the Respondent for vacation of stay is without merit and rejected. Call on 07.12.2022 for final arguments.