BEFORE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL CUM LABOUR COURT, DELHI

Appeal no. D-1/20/2021, D-1/25/2019

M/s. United News of India

....Appellant

Through:-Ms. Shruti Munjal, Ld. Counsel for the appellant.

Vs.

RPFC, Delhi (Central)

.....Respondent

Through:- Sh. B.B. Pradhan, Ld. Counsel for the respondent.

Order Dated:- 14.11.2025

Record perused. An application had been filed by the respondent seeking disposal of these appeals on the basis of the order passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P. (C) No. 4902/2019 & 9108/2020. Record further reveals that the appellant had filed the above said writ petitions against the orders dated 15.02.2019 and 24.10.2019 passed by the RPFC under section 7Q of the Employees' Provident Funds & Misc. Provisions Act, 1952 (Hereinafter referred as 'the Act'). The period of both appeals are different. The first appeal (D-1/25/2019) was filed in respect of the period 05/2012 to 30/04/2016, and the second appeal (D-1/20/2021) was filed in respect of the period 04/2017 to 03/2019 under section 14B and 7Q of the Act. It is also a matter of fact that while granting stay in the appeal no. D-1/25/2019, this Tribunal had directed the appellant to deposit an amount of Rs. 15,00,000/- by way of demand draft with this Tribunal. So far so the other appeal is concerned, this Tribunal had stayed the operation of the impugned order subject to deposit of 10% of the assessed amount by way of challan with the respondent department.

The respondent has stated that the entire dispute with the appellant in these appeals has been settled and nothing is due upon the appellant. It is further stated that the appellant company was admitted

Appeal no. D-1/20/2021, D-1/25/2019 M/s. United News of India Vs.RPFC, Delhi (Central) Order Dated:- 14.11.2025 to insolvency under the provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. Pursuant to these proceedings, claims were invited from all creditors including the respondent and the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process of the appellant company was initiated. The respondent filed its claim for Rs. 16,22,83,279/-, which was admitted by the Resolution Professional appointed by the National Company Law Tribunal. The resolution plan submitted by the Statesman Limited was approved by the NCLAT vide its order dated 01.05.2025. Subsequently, upon approval of the resolution plan, the management of appellant company was taken over by the Statesman Limited and the dues of the respondent amouting to Rs. 16,22,83,729/- were paid on 02.05.2025.

In view of the order passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on 27.05.2025, these appeals stand disposed of as satisfied.

Now both the appellant and respondent have submitted that Rs. 15,00,000/-, which had been deposited by way of demand draft to this Tribunal, be refunded to the appellant. The counsel for the respondent has raised no objection, as the dues to the respondent have already been paid/satisfied. The registrar of this Tribunal is directed to refund an amount of Rs. 15,00,000/- along with the interest accrued to the appellant within four weeks from the date of this order. Let a notice in this respect be sent to the bank regarding the accrual of the interest on the amount from the date of deposit till today. A copy of this order is placed in each of the files. Record of these files are consigned to the record room.

Sd/-Atul Kumar Garg (Presiding Officer)