

Present: - Smt. Indira Barman, M.A., LL.B.,
Presiding Officer,
CGIT-Cum-Labour Court, Guwahati.

E.P.F. A. No. 06/2025.

The Ranibari Tea Company Ltd., (owner of Madhusudan Tea Estate) Agartala.Appellant.

-Vrs-

The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II, Employees Provident Fund Organisation, Regional
Office, Agartala.OP/Respondent.

Order dated 18-06-2026

The appellant is appeared through Mr. S.P. Tewary, Ld. Advocate along with authorised representative Sri Prakash Agarwala, Manager Accounts & Finance, Ranibari Tea Co. Ltd. The OP/Respondent is represented through Ld. advocate Ms. Shoma Dasgupta.

Today the appeal has been fixed for hearing on supplementary affidavit filed by the appellant and filing reply of appeal by the Respondent and also hearing on the petition under rule 21 of the Tribunal (Procedural) Rules,1997 filed by the appellant. Learned counsel for the OP/Respondent filed petition No.207/26 and sought for time to file reply of main appeal. Perused the petition. For the ends of justice prayer is allowed.

Heard the learned Advocates of both sides on the petition under Rule 21 of the Tribunal (Procedural) Rules,1997 filed by the appellant praying not to give effect to the demand notice dated 29-04-2026 and for stay of the said demand notice and to direct the respondent to allow the appellant to operate the bank account bearing No. 1526102000000718, 1526102000000824, 0012102000032063 lying with IDBI Bank, Shakespeare Sarani Branch, Kolkata. Record reveals that vide order dated 02-04-2026 the order dated 10-03-2026 issued u/s 8F (3) (X) of the EPF&MP Act and vide order dated 09-06-2026, the demand notice dated 29-04-2026 were stayed till today. The order dated 10-03-2026 issued by the RPFC-II, Agartala and Demand notice dated 29-04-2026 issued by the Recovery officer, Regional P.F. Commissioner-II, Agartala are hereby stayed till disposal of the Appeal. In the meantime, no coercive action shall be taken by the Respondent against the Appellant.

With regard to prayer for operating the bank account of the Appellant Tea Company, Appellant is directed to submit statement of monthly wages of the Tea workers, essential expenses including day to day expenses for running of the establishment. On submission of the same, will be verified by the department for release of the requisite amount.

Fix 11-09-2026 for filing reply of main appeal by the Respondent and submission of expenses for running of the establishment.

Sd/-Indira Barman,
Presiding Officer,
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