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EPF Appeal No 19/2023

M/S Madhya Pradesh Today Media Ltd Vs RPFC Bhopal

16.10.2023

Matter taken up today.

Learned Advocate Sri Pranay Chaubey present for appellants establishment.

Learned Advocate Sri J.K. Pillai for respondent.

Perused the report of Registry and the records. The order under appeal was passed on May 10, 2023 under section 7A of Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952, hereinafter called by the word 'Act'. A review order was passed by the respondent authority on July 31, 2023 under section 7B of the Act. This appeal has been filed on October 9, 2023. Ld Counsel for appellants has referred to in order of Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh dated August 21, 2023 passed in a Writ Petition number 20281/2023. After perusing the order and hearing the submissions from both the sides, the application for condoning the period of limitation is allowed and the appeal is admitted for hearing.

A Copy of the memo of appeal along with documents as already been supplied to the learned Counsel for respondent. Counter reply with affidavit and documents if any, may be filed after giving copy to the appellants within four weeks. Rejoinder if any, within two weeks thereafter.

The learned Counsel for the appellants establishment presses interim application for a stay of recovery. Respondents side seeks and is granted time. Regarding the argument from the side of appellants establishment that recovery be stayed in the meanwhile, Hon'ble High Court has itself ordered in the Writ Petition as mentioned above, that coercive methods for recovery will not be taken till 60 days from the date of order i.e., August 21, 2023.



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As there is already a protection to the appellant establishment against recovery, no fresh order is required in this respect. The interim application be listed for hearing on October 21, 2023. It is made clear that in case the respondent authority fails to file objection on the interim application from the appellant establishment till August 21, 2023, this Tribunal may consider extending the protection order in that case.

List on October ^{23rd}~~21~~, 2023 for hearing on I.A.


Presiding Officer