

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSCIVIL APPEAL NO(S). 6174/2023

BHOPAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

DR SUBHASH C. PANDEY & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

(IA No. 113056/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 141056/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 43110/2024 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 198051/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT
IA No. 141055/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 245823/2023 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON
IA No. 198050/2023 - STAY APPLICATION)

WITH

C.A. No. 7728/2023 (XVII)

(IA No. 176665/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 196024/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 241136/2023 - STAY APPLICATION)

Date : 29-04-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI

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UPON hearing the counsel the court made the following
O R D E R

1. The three Secretaries-Mr. Tanmay Kumar, Secretary MoEFCC, Mr. Ashok K.K. Meena, Secretary DDWS, Ministry of Jal Shakti and Mr. Srinivas R. Katikithala, Secretary MoHUA, have joined the proceedings today virtually. We have interacted with all three of them. In the facts and circumstances, in addition to the three Secretaries who have joined virtually and interacted with us, we direct that two more Secretaries, i.e. Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, be also added as respondents and join the proceedings henceforth virtually.
2. We have heard Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, learned ASG and have perused the report submitted by her as well as the three page note filed today.
3. After considering the above material, we find that there are bottlenecks which are required to be removed by the State Government/Local Bodies. Therefore, implementation part has to be taken up by the various State authorities/Local Bodies.
4. We expect that the Secretary, MOEFCC will communicate to all the Chief Secretaries of the various States/Union Territories the bottlenecks which have been discussed in the Court today, as per the report

submitted by Ms. Aishwarya Bhati. We also request him to communicate to the Chief Secretaries our order dated 19.02.2026, wherein various directions were issued with regard to the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 and we expect that the Chief Secretaries of the States/Union Territories will join the proceedings on the next date, i.e. at 10.30 A.M. on 05.05.2026, virtually and come prepared with their response and action plan with regard to the implementation of the directions contained in the order dated 19.02.2026 and the direction of the MoEFCC dated 25.03.2026 and with regard to the bottlenecks discussed today in the Court.

5. The response of the Chief Secretaries and the action plan for complete and comprehensive implementation by the stakeholder States/Union Territories shall be communicated to the Secretary, MoEFCC, who will place the same before us on the next date. The Chief Secretaries of the respective States and Union Territories shall submit their response and action plan to the Secretary, MoEFCC latest by 02.05.2026.

6. List the matter on 05.05.2026 at 10:30 AM.

(Nidhi Mathur)
Court Master (NSH)

(Geeta Ahuja)
Deputy Registrar