COURT NO.14 **ITEM NO.45** SECTION X

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 188/2004

M/S. RAIGANJ CONSUMER FORUM

Petitioner

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondents

MR. SUNIL FERNANDES, SENIOR ADVOCATE WITH MR. SANCHIT GARGA,

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IA No. 33106/2019 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 40455/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 112751/2020 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
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IA No. 99096/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 123554/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 132882/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 211853/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
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vide Hon'ble Court's order dated 16.07.2024, Mr. Sunil Fernandes,
learned senior counsel has been appointed as Amicus Curiae
T.C.(C) No. 34/2019 (IV)
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CONMT.PET.(C) No. 701/2021 in T.C.(C) No. 2/2004 (XIV-A)
(With I.A. No.35282/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)
CONMT.PET.(C) No. 942/2021 in T.C.(C) No. 2/2004 (XIV-A)
(FOR ADMISSION)
T.P.(C) No. 1127/2024 (IV-B)
(With I.A. No.293133/2024 - APPLICATION FOR SUBSTITUTION, I.A. No.
37986/2025-SETTING ASIDE AN ABATEMENT and I.A. No.85639/2024-STAY
APPLICATION)
Date: 29-04-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.
CORAM:
         HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
         HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN
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                   Mr. Viraj Kadam, Adv.
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Mr. Bhargava V. Desai, AOR

Mr. Shivam Sharma, Adv.

Mr. M.C. Dhingra, Sr. Adv.

Mr. Harpal Singh Saini, Adv.

Mr. Gaurav Dhingra, AOR

Mr. Shashank Singh, Adv.

Mr. Surendra Gautam, Adv.

Mr. Shishpal Laler, Adv.

Mr. Hitesh Kumar, Adv.

Mr. Atul Chhikara, Adv.

Mr. Pranav Singh Gautam, Adv.

Mr. R. C. Kaushik, AOR

Ms. Minakshi Vij, AOR

Mr. Somnath Mukherjee, AOR

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Mr. Shailendra Bhardwaj, AOR

Mr. Rana Ranjit Singh, AOR

Mr. Vivek Kumar Singh, Adv.

Mr. Ravish Singh, Adv.

Ms. Akanksha Singh, Adv.

Mrs. Sweta Singh, Adv.

Mr. Rajesh Garg, Adv.

Mr. Aditya Shekhar, Adv.

Mr. Narender Hooda, Sr. Adv.

Mr. Shiv Bhatnagar, Adv.

Mr. Yuvraj Nandal, Adv.

Ms. Pallvi Hooda, Adv.

Ms. Tannu, Adv.

Dr. Surender Singh Hooda, AOR

Mr. Alok Gupta, AOR

Ms. Shalu Sharma, AOR

Mr. Rameshwar Prasad Goyal, AOR

Mr. Ashok Kumar Singh, AOR

Mr. Shantwanu Singh, Adv.

Mrs. Pragya Singh, Adv. Mr. Akshay Singh, Adv.

Mr. Ashwani Kumar, AOR M/S. K J John And Co, AOR Mr. Abhijit Sengupta, AOR

Mr. Gaurav Dhama, A.A.G. Mr. Karan Sharma, AOR

Mr. K. S. Rana, AOR

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Mr. Somnath Mukherjee, AOR Mr. Pankaj Kumar Mishra, AOR Mr. Sudhir Kumar Gupta, AOR

Mr. Surya Kant, AOR Mr. Shubham Bhalla, AOR

Ms. Chitra Markandaya, AOR

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

- 1. We have heard learned senior counsel/counsel appearing for the respective parties as well as Mr. Sunil Fernandes, learned amicus curiae.
- 2. For the present, we propose to consider three aspects.
- 3. By an order dated 27th November, 2018, a co-ordinate Bench of this Court had directed the GFIL Committee to keep open its portals so as to invite maximum number of applications from investors to claim the principal amount invested by them in GFIL Pvt. Ltd. together with the interest, if any.
- 4. Over the last several years the portal has been kept open, claims in lakhs have been lodged. It is also gathered that that on a daily basis a few claims are being lodged and received by the GFIL Committee. It is not possible for us at this stage to determine whether all such claims being received on daily basis are predominantly from the affected investors or from persons having vested interest. Keeping the portal open for almost seven years from 2018 is considered sufficient for any investor, who is genuinely affected, to lodge his claim before the GFIL Committee.
- 5. We, therefore, consider it appropriate to fix a cut-off date within which claims could be lodged by affected investors who have not so far lodged their claims in terms of the earlier order of this Court.
- 6. Next, extensive arguments have been advanced on the pros and cons of

putting up the remaining properties of GFIL Pvt. Ltd. on PAN India basis. Arguments have also been heard to expedite the process of sale by treating every district in each State, where the properties are situated, as a cluster. We are informed that this has been the approach adopted by a coordinate Bench of this Court while dealing with an identical matter.

- 7. Considering that years have passed since sale of the last property took place, we further consider it appropriate to go ahead with sale of the properties of GFIL Pvt. Ltd., situated in the State of Telangana as the first step, in accordance with directions to be given hereunder.
- 8. I.A. Nos.87699 of 2025 seeking intervention and I.A. No.104797/2025 seeking clarification/direction have been moved by Mr. Vikash Singh, learned counsel complaining that because of pendency of these petitions before this Court, the relevant revisional authority seized of a particular dispute raised by the applicant has passed an order that he would await the orders of this Court.
- 9. Having regard to the three aspects discussed above, it is necessary and we proceed to issue the following directions:-
 - (i) We require the GFIL Committee to display a notice on its website, i.e., www.goldenforestcommittee.com, as well as publish notices in an English daily newspaper as well as a Hindi daily newspaper having wide circulation in this country, notifying the public at large that the GFIL Committee would be receiving claims from affected investors who have invested their hard-earned money in the scheme introduced by GFIL Pvt. Ltd., between 15th May, 2025 and 15th July, 2025, for the purpose of consideration of such claims and

that any investor may lodge his claim within such period. It shall be stipulated that no claim beyond 15th July, 2025 shall be entertained in future. The order dated 27th November, 2018 stands modified to the aforesaid extent.

- (ii) For sale of the properties of GFIL Pvt. Ltd. situated in the State of Telangana, we request the learned amicus to sit with Ms. Suruchi Aggarwal, learned senior counsel appearing for the GFIL Committee and Mr. Prasad, learned senior counsel for the Income Tax Authorities. They may, upon deliberations, prepare joint minutes indicating therein the modalities for the purpose of publication of notice for auction of all the properties in the State of Telangana with the requisite particulars of khasra/survey/plot numbers and boundaries, the reserve price, the probable dates for publication of notice and receipt of bids, etc. Looking at such joint minutes, we propose to issue further directions.
- (iii) Issue notice on I.A. Nos.87699 of 2025 and I.A. No.104797/2025.
 Mr. Akshat Kumar, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the State of Uttarakhand. Mr. Soumya Dutta, learned counsel assisting
 Ms. Suruchi Aggarwal also accepts notice on behalf of the GFIL Committee.

Counter affidavit be filed within two weeks.

Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter.

8. List Writ Petition 188 of 2004 on 13th May, 2025, at the "**End of the Board**" for the purpose of limited consideration of the joint minutes to be prepared by learned amicus, Ms. Aggarwal, and Mr. Prasad.

(RASHMI DHYANI PANT)
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