



IN THE ADJUDICATORY BOARD FOR MAJOR PORTS, MUMBAI
Application No.02/2024

Mumbai Port Authority ... Applicant

Versus

M/s.A to Z EXIM ... Respondent

Appearance:

For the Applicant : Advocate Hamza Lakhani along with Advocate Priya Kumari

For the Respondent : Mr. Alok Kumar, Authorised Representative

CORAM:

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE A.J. DESAI, PRESIDING OFFICER

HON'BLE SHRI C. VISWANATH, MEMBER

HON'BLE DR. SANJEEV RANJAN, MEMBER

Date: 22 September 2026

ORDER

1. The present reference has been filed by Mumbai Port Authority requesting the Board to exercise its powers under Section 58(1)(e) of Major Port Authorities Act, 2021 and has prayed to pass orders directing the Respondent to pay outstanding dues with interest.

2. The Respondent has filed Affidavit-in-Reply. The Rejoinder has also been filed by the Applicant to which Sur rejoinder has been filed by the Respondent on 05 August 2026.



Today when the matter was heard, the Respondent has informed through his sole proprietor Mr. Zunaid Anwar Pradhan that he has authorised Mr. Alok Kumar vide an authorisation letter to represent the case of Respondent. The authorisation letter has been placed by him on record. The same is taken on record.

3. The Respondent has filed a detailed Affidavit-in-Reply and opposes the claim put forward by the Applicant on merits and has also raised a legal issue with regard to jurisdiction of present Board to deal with the prayers made in the Application. Learned Advocate Hamza Lakhani of Applicant as well as Mr. Alok Kumar, Authorised Representative of Respondent have argued the case on the issue of jurisdiction of Board to deal with the claim put forward by the Applicant. We have heard the respective parties at length.

4. Learned Advocate for the Applicant has submitted the written argument. Mr. Alok Kumar, Authorised Representative of Respondent to submit their written argument within a period of one week from today.

5. We have heard the parties today only on the issue of jurisdiction and have kept the order in reserve. The same shall be declared hereinafter.



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(DR. SANJEEV RANJAN)
MEMBER

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(C. VISWANATH)
MEMBER

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(JUSTICE A.J. DESAI)
PRESIDING OFFICER