

Reportable

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
INHERENT JURISDICTION

Review Petition (Civil) Diary No. 18447 of 2020 in
Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 32138 of 2015

Vedanta Ltd. (Formerly known as M/s Sesa Sterlite Ltd.) Petitioner

Versus

The Goa Foundation & Ors. Respondents

With

Review Petition (Civil) Diary No. 41515 of 2019 in
Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 32138 of 2015

The State of Goa and Anr. Petitioners

Versus

The Goa Foundation & Ors. Respondents

With

Review Petition (Civil) Diary No. 41517 of 2019 in
Writ Petition (Civil) No. 720 of 2015

The State of Goa Petitioner

Versus

Sudip N Tamankar & Ors. Respondents

With

**Review Petition (Civil) Diary No. 41543 of 2019 in
Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 32699-32727 of 2015**

The State of Goa & Anr.

.... Petitioners

Versus

Rama Ladu Velip & Ors.

.... Respondents

With

**Review Petition (Civil) Diary No. 41545 of 2019 in
Writ Petition (Civil) No. 711 of 2015**

The State of Goa

.... Petitioner

Versus

Goa Foundation & Ors.

.... Respondents

With

**Review Petition (Civil) Diary No. 18430 of 2020 in
Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 32707 of 2015
(@ SLP(C) Nos. 32699-32727 of 2015)**

Vedanta Ltd. (Formerly known as M/s Sesa Sterlite Ltd.)

.... Petitioner

Versus

Rama Ladu Velip & Ors.

.... Respondents

With

Review Petition (Civil) Diary No. 18435 of 2020 in
Writ Petition (Civil) No. 711 of 2015

Vedanta Ltd. (Formerly known as Sesa Goa Ltd.) Petitioner

Versus

Goa Foundation Respondent

With

Review Petition (Civil) Diary No. 18438 of 2020 in
Writ Petition (Civil) No. 720 of 2015

Vedanta Ltd. (Formerly known as Sesa Goa Ltd.) Petitioner

Versus

Mr Sudip N Tamankar & Ors. Respondents

JUDGMENT

Dr Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, J

1 The review petitions have been preferred by the State of Goa (Diary No 41515 of 2019 and Diary No 41517 of 2019, both with a delay of 650 days and Diary No 41453 of 2019 and Diary No 41545 of 2019, both with a delay of 651

days) and by Vedanta Limited (formerly known as M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited) (Diary No 18430 of 2020, Diary No 18435 of 2020, Diary No 18438 of 2020 and Diary No 18447 of 2020, all four with a delay of 907 days) against the judgement of a two-judge bench of this Court in Goa Foundation vs Sesa Sterlite Limited & Ors.¹, pronounced on 7 February 2018.

2 In accordance with Rule 2 of Order XLVII of the Supreme Court Rules, 2013, an application for review of a judgement has to be filed within thirty days of the date of the judgement or order that is sought to be reviewed. No cogent grounds have been furnished for the delay between 20 and 26 months by the two parties in filing their applications for review. The judges comprising the two-judge bench in Goa Foundation II, Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta, retired from this Court on 30 December 2018 and 6 May 2020, respectively. The State of Goa preferred its four review petitions in the month of November 2019, after Justice Madan B Lokur's retirement, while Vedanta Limited preferred its four review petitions in the month of August 2020, right after Justice Deepak Gupta's retirement. Such practise must be firmly disapproved to preserve the institutional sanctity of the decision making of this Court. The review petitioners were aware of the decision of this Court.

3 Keeping in mind the above, we are inclined to dismiss these review petitions on the ground of limitation alone. However, in any event, we also find that no

¹ (2018) 4 SCC 218, hereinafter referred to as "Goa Foundation II"

legitimate grounds for review of the judgment in Goa Foundation II have been made out, and dismiss these review petitions on merits as well.

4 Pending application(s), if any, are disposed of.

.....J.
[Dr Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud]

.....J.
[M R Shah]

New Delhi;
July 09, 2021

