IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 2570 OF 2020

STATE BANK OF INDIA .. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

M/S METENERE LTD. .. RESPONDENT(S)

<u>O R D E R</u>

Heard learned counsel for the parties at length.

We are *prima facie* satisfied that the approach adopted by the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, New Delhi (NCLAT) is not correct that merely Resolution Professional who remained in the Service of SBI and is getting pension, was dis entitled to be Resolution Professional.

However, since Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned well Solicitor General as Mr. Krishnan as Venugopal, learned senior counsel have agreed for appointment of new Resolution Professional bv NCLT, let new Resolution Professional be appointed by the NCLT forthwith within a week in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

We may observe that the change of Resolution Professional shall not reflect adversely upon the integrity of concerned Resolution Professional, who has been replaced.

Since the impugned order does not reflect the correct approach, the same shall not be treated as a precedent.

Accordingly, the civil appeal is disposed of.

.....J. [ARUN MISHRA]

.....J. [B.R. GAVAI]

.....J. [KRISHNA MURARI]

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19, 2020. ITEM NO.28 Court 3 (Video Conferencing) SECTION XVII SUPREME COURT OF INDIA **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS** Civil Appeal No(s). 2570/2020 STATE BANK.OF INDIA Appellant(s) VERSUS MIS METENERE LIMITED Respondent(s) (FOR ADMISSION and IA No. 67532/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS IA No. 54811/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT IA No. 63330/2020 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES, IA No. 57079/2020 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES IA No. 54810/2020 - STAY APPLICATION) Date : 19-08-2020 This appeal was called on for hearing today. CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MISHRA HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.R. GAVAI HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI For Appellant(s) Mr. Tushar Mehta, Ld. S.G. Ms. Misha, Adv. Mr. Anoop Rawat, Adv. Mr. Vaijayant Paliwal, Adv. Ms. Jasveen Kaur, Advocate Mr. Ankur Mittal, Advocate Mr. Shardul S. Shroff, AOR For Respondent(s) Mr. Krishnan Venugopal, Sr. Adv. Mr Arvind Kumar Gupta, Adv. Ms. Henna George, Adv. Mr. Ravindra Sadanand Chingale, AOR **UPON** hearing the counsel the Court made the following ORDER The civil appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order. Pending applications stand disposed of. (CHARANJEET KAUR) (R.S. NARAYANAN) ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS COURT MASTER (NSH) [Signed order is placed on the file]

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