

SPML Infra's Subsidiary Company Bhilwara Jaipur Toll Road Pvt. Ltd. Wins Rs. 191 Crore Interim Relief under Arbitration Proceedings

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M/s. Bhilwara Jaipur Toll Road Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary company with 51% stake of SPML Infra Limited got Rs.191 Crore Interim Relief under Arbitration proceedings against State of Rajasthan. The 212 kilometer Bhilwara-Jaipur Toll Road was developed by the subsidiary company but with effect from 1st April 2018, Govt. of Rajasthan had exempted private vehicles to pay toll in 0-212 km toll road (state highway) from Jaipur to Bhilwara. Due to this decision, the daily toll collection was badly affected and the company, M/s. Bhilwara Jaipur Toll Road Pvt. Ltd. has terminated the concession agreement on the ground of material default by State Govt through a notice dated 3rd October, 2018. An arbitrator was appointed by the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan to resolve the matter.

M/s. Bhilwara Jaipur Toll Road Pvt. Ltd. had sought an interim relief under Section 17 of Arbitration Act to give award in the way that bank debt on state highway is taken over or settled by the State Govt and the toll road is taken back by the State Govt for onward operation and maintenance. The arbitrator after due hearings under section 17 of Arbitration Act in Case No. 20/2019 has issued an interim order of award on 30th October, 2019 directing the State Govt to deposit Rs.191 Crore in bank escrow account and take possession of the toll road. The regular arbitration proceedings of this project under Section 34 of the Arbitration Act are going on and our claim of termination payment of Rs.578 Crore is in process of hearings.

Mr. Subhash Sethi, Chairman, SPML Infra commented, "The arbitrator issued the order on the merits we have been maintaining that the action taken against our project was incorrect and violating provisions of the agreement. We are happy that our legitimate claims have been upheld in the arbitration. We are hopeful that our regular arbitration seeking compensation for damages caused by various measures imposed by the State Govt. will also be considered."

Shares of SPML Infra Limited was last trading in BSE at Rs.9.32 as compared to the previous close of Rs. 8.88. The total number of shares traded during the day was 58 in over 2 trades.

The stock hit an intraday high of Rs. 9.32 and intraday low of 9.32. The net turnover during the day was Rs. 540.

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