RAJASTHAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Udyog Bhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302 005

Ref. No. RFC/F.Law-3/LPM/22/6118

Dated: 17th June, 2003

(Lit.Cir.No. 90)

Sub : Important Court decision - Abdul Gani S/o Allah Noor V/s RFC & Ors.

The Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court Bench at Jodhpur in the case of Abdul Gani S/o Allah Noor V/s RFC & Ors in SB Civil Misc. Appeal No. 826/2001 has passed the judgement on 10.04.2003 copy of which is enclosed for ready reference.

The Hon'ble Court has dismissed the appeal in favour of the Corporation with the observation that the order has been passed by the Learned Trial Court while deciding a regular suit, inasmuch as issues had been framed, evidence had been recorded and judgement and decree had been passed. While a look at the provisions of Sec. 31 and 32 together makes it clear that the proceedings are in the nature of execution proceedings.

It was already confirmed and held in different pronouncement made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court that proceedings filed by the Corporation U/S 31(1) are akin to an application for attachment of property in execution of a decree, at a stage posterior to the passing of the decree.

In that view of the matter, the request of the counsel for the appellant, like the Corporation should permit the appellant to shift the looms to Bhilwara, or to make easy instalments of the outstanding loan, or to reduce the amount of interest being charged, ARE ALL NOT OPEN TO BE CONTENDED IN THIS APPEAL.

It is therefore enjoined upon that the judgement passed by the Hon'ble Court may be used making it clear that proceedings pending before the Lower Courts U/S 31 are in the nature of the post decreetal proceedings hence, required to be dealt accordingly and no borrower can take any sort of the plea in the proceedings pending U/S 31(1) which can be taken in a suit under the CPC hence, the matter U/S 31 of the SFCs Act are required to be dealt as if the application is nothing but the post decreetal proceedings.

The above judgement and necessity of application of law accordingly may be argued before the Court to get the case decided in favour of the Corporation.

A copy of this Judgement may also be circulated to all the panel Advocates of the Corporation for use of same in our cases and to review all the cases pending U/S 31 (1) (a) and (aa) in reference to the enclosed judgement and get the same decided in the interest of the Corporation also to curtail time which is being consumed in want of evidence and delay being caused by making different objections and applications.

All concerned are advised to make note of above for compliance.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Encl: As above

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN

AT JODHPUR.

S.B. CIVIL HISC. APPEAL NO. 826 MOOI

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RESPONTENT APPLICANT!

Rajasthan Financial Corporation (E.F.C.)

Registered Head Office, Udhyog Bhawan,

Tilak Marg, Jaipur (Raj.), Through

Branch Manager, R.F.C. Industrial Arga,

Chittorgarh (Raj.)

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S.B. CIVIL MISC. APPEAL UNDER
SECTION 32 OF STATE PINANCIAL
CORPORATION ACT, 1951 AGAINST
THE ORDER DT. 27.7.2001 PASSED
BY LEARNED ADDITIONAL DISTRICT
JUDGE NO.1, CHITTORGARN (EAJ.)

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10.4.2003 S.B.C.M.A. NO. 826/2001 HON'BLE SHRI N.P.GUPTA, J.

Mr. M.A. Siddiqui, for the appellant. Mr. Sangeet Lodha, for the respondent.

Heard learned counsel for the appellant.

Learned court below has passed the order in proceedings unde Section 31 of the State Financial Corporations Act 1951. Though the order has been passed as if the learned trial court was deciding a regular suit, inasmuch as issues had been framed, evidence had been recorded, and judgment & decree had been passed, while a look at the provisions of Sec. 31 and 32 together makes it clear that the proceedings are in the nature of execution proceedings, as held by Hon'ble the Supreme Court in Gujarat State Financial Corporation Vs. M/s. Natson Manufacturing Co. Pvt. Ltd. reported in AIR 1978 SC-765, which has been consistently relied upon by Hon'ble the Supreme Court in subsequent judgments in Everest Industrial Corporation Vs. Gujarat State Financial Corp. reported in AIR 1987 SC-1950 and Maganial Vs. Jaiswal Industries reported in AIR 1989. SC-2113, wherein it has been held that an application under Section 31(1) of the Act is neither a plaint, nor an application in the nature of plaint, rather it is not even something akin to a suit of a mortgagee to recover mortgage money by sale of mortgaged property, and that even if the Corporation so chooses it cannot pray for a preliminary decree for accounts, or final decree for payment of money, nor can it seek any personal liability. It has also been held that substantive relief in an application under Section 31(1) is something akin to an application for attachment of property in execution of a decree, at a stage posterior to the passing of the decree. That apart in Everest Industrial Corpus case supra the Hon'ble Supreme Court has further held that the interest would be payable on the principal amount due in accordance with the terms, of the agreement between the parties till the entire amount due was paid. In this case the Hon'ble Supreme Court expressly overruled the judgment of Hon'ble Karnataka High Court in the case of Karnataka State Financial Corp. Vs. Sri Nithyananda Bhavan, reported in AIR 1982 Kant 179, wherein the High Court had applied Section 34 of the Code to a proceeding instituted under Section 31 of the Act. Likewise, now after the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in Central Bank of India V/S Ravindra and Ors., reported in JT 2001(9) SC-101, wherein the Hon'ble Supreme has authoritatively clarified the expression 'principal amount' to include the interest accined thereon up till the date of institution of the suit. Therefore, also, even on merits, the contention about rate of interest claimed by the respondent being excessive cannot be entertained.

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In that view of the matter, the submissions made by the learned counsel for the appellant, like the Corporation should permit the appellant to shift the looms to Bhilwara, or to make easy installments of the outstanding loan, or to reduce the amount of interest being charged, are all not open to be contended in this appeal.

Admittedly the loan was taken way back in 1980's and, admittedly even after passing of the impugned order dt. 27.7.2001 no payment has been made by the appellant. This conduct shows that the appellant is not entitled even to invoke any sympathy of this Court.

The appeal thus has no force, and is dismissed summarily.

(N.P.GUPTA), J.

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