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### Jet Airways insolvency: Creditors say Jalan-Fritsch resolution plan unviable, unworkable

The State Bank of India-led lenders on the monitoring committee of debt laden airline Jet Airways on Monday told the Supreme Court that the Jalan Fritsch consortium's approved resolution plan has been rendered "unviable" and "unworkable" as nothing has been paid to it so far and even no money has been infused for the revival of the grounded carrier.

Additional Solicitor General N Venkataraman, appearing for the lenders, told a Bench led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud that the Jalan-Kalrock consortium's resolution plan for the takeover of the airline was approved by the National Company Law Tribunal on June 22, 2021 and since then it had spent "public money of around Rs 400 crore including airport dues" and the consortium had neither paid a "single penny" to it nor had "infused" any funds in the airline. The total claim of the financial creditors is Rs 7,453.62 crore.

After brief arguments, the apex court sought response from the Jalan Fritsch consortium, the successful bidder, and Ashish Chhawchharia, the authorised representative of the monitoring committee, on two appeals filed by the SBI-led lenders and the Jet Aircraft Maintenance Engineers Welfare Association.

The lenders have challenged the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's May 26 order that granted the Jalan Fritsch consortium three-and-a-half months more to make payments as per the approved resolution plan.

#### Source: The Economic Times.

**Read Full news at:** <u>https://m.economictimes.com/industry/transportation/airlines-/-aviation/jet-airways-insolvency-creditors-say-jalan-fritsch-resolution-plan-unviable-unworkable/amp\_articleshow/101641275.cms</u>

## NCLAT sets aside NCLT order rejecting insolvency plea against Uniworth Textiles

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal on Monday set aside the order of the Kolkata bench of NCLT, which had rejected the plea of Asset Reconstruction Company to initiate insolvency proceedings against Uniworth Textiles Ltd (UTL), and remanded the matter back to hear it again. A two-member NCLAT bench comprising justices Rakesh Kumar Jain and Naresh Salecha said the NCLT had erred in rejecting the application filed under Section 7 of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code by Asset Reconstruction Company on the ground of limitation.

"The appeal therefore succeeds and the impugned order dated March 17, 2020 is set aside. The case is remanded back to the Adjudicating Authority (NCLT) for decision on the merit of the application in accordance with the law," said NCLAT in its 36-page order. It had directed both parties to appear before the NCLT on July 28, 2023. Meanwhile, NCLAT also clarified it is not expressing any opinion regarding the merits of the case and the same needs to be decided by the NCLT "uninfluenced by any of the observations of this Appellate Tribunal". Earlier, the Kolkata bench of the National Company Law Tribunal had on March 17, 2020 dismissed the plea, which was challenged by Asset Reconstruction Company before NCLAT.

#### Source: Financial Express.

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