NCLAT clears govt's acquisition of 50% from IL&FS in JV firm

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Jaipur: The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has ordered the transfer of 50% stake of IL&FS Energy Development Company Ltd (IEDCL) to the state govt in its joint venture company, Saurya Urja Company of Rajasthan Ltd (SUCRL), valuing the stake at Rs 85 crore.

Ending a prolonged legal process, the tribunal noted that IL&FS already offered the Rajasthan govt the opportunity to acquire 50% of IEDCL's stake in SUCRL, and the state formally accepted the proposal.

IEDCL has been engaged in several renewable and energy-sector ventures of IL&FS, many of which struggled since the group's collapse in 2018. The tribunal also clarified that all creditor claims tied to SUCRL will continue to be handled strictly under the approved IL&FS resolution plan, underscoring that the ownership transition will not alter the repayment structure or priority of lenders.

According to the affidavit submitted by the state govt, its decision, recorded through a consent order dated November 3, 2025, approves the acquisition at a valuation of Rs 85.11 crore, which IL&FS termed the highest bid received for the asset. With both parties aligned, the NCLAT said no further orders were required and disposed of the pending applications.

The govt's acquisition of a 50% stake signals its intent to assume greater control of projects trapped in the larger IL&FS insolvency gridlock. The move ensures that strategic clean-energy assets remain operational and under stable joint governance rather than being slowed by creditor disputes.