



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 336 OF 2025

IN

Writ Petition NO. 4051 OF 1996

Virendrabhai Popatlal Shah

...Applicant/ Ori.  
Respondent No.2

SNEHA  
NITIN  
CHAVAN

**In the matter between:**

Sarla Ramniklal Mehta (Deceased) through LRs

And Ors

...Petitioners

**Versus**

Dhanraj Kumar Daulatchand (since deceased  
deleted) through Virendrabhai Popatlal and Ors.

...Respondents

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Mr. Prashant Karande a/w Mr. Praful Pawar i/b Madhusudan Gawade  
for Applicant/ori. Respondent Nos. 2, 4, 7 to 10.

Mr. Nikhil Sakhardande, Senior Advocate a/w Adv. Shubhra Swami i/b  
Adv. Rupwate for the Original Petitioners/ and Respondent in IA.

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**CORAM : M.M. SATHAYE, J.**

**DATE : 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025**

**PC. :**

1. Learned Counsel for the Respondent-Trust submitted that  
settlement was sought to be explored before earlier bench.

2. There appears to be some disagreement about at whose  
instance, the settlement talks were initiated, if at all.

3. Considering the prayers in the application, a query was put to  
learned Advocate for the Petitioners in the Writ Petition, as to whether  
there is any possibility of settlement, when it is stated on instructions



that Petitioners do not wish to settle.

4. After hearing the parties for some time and after going through the earlier record, and further considering that Writ Petition is of 1996, it is directed that this IA shall be considered along with petition.

5. Place the petition for final hearing on 06.10.2025 at 1.00 p.m.

**(M.M. SATHAYE, J.)**