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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**WRIT PETITION (ST) NO. 2666 OF 2024**

Best Undertaking ...Petitioner

***Versus***

Arvind Prabhashankar Tiwari ...Respondent

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***Ms. Megha vijan, i/b Sagar Shetty, for the Petitioner.***

***Appearance not received for Respondent.***

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**CORAM : SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.**

**DATE : February 6, 2026**

**ORDER :**

1. The core grievance in this Petition is that the Learned Appellate Authority has directed interest to be paid on the gratuity amount at the rate of 10% on the basis of the long term deposit prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India while discretion had been given to the Authority to award interest at a rate ***up to*** 10%.

2. The grievance appears to be that interest on long term deposits has since reduced to around 5% and without exercising judicial discretion, interest has been awarded at 10%.

3. Learned Advocate for the Petitioner submits that the gratuity amount has been paid but the grievance is restricted to the quantum of

interest that has been awarded. Since notice is yet to be issued, Registry to issue notice, returnable on February 24, 2026. Liberty to effect private service by all permissible modes including by electronic means, and to file a service affidavit, with tangible evidence of service, on or before the next date. Hamdast permitted.

4. Stand over to ***February 24, 2026***.

5. All actions required to be taken pursuant to this order shall be taken upon receipt of a downloaded copy as available on this Court's website.

**[ SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.]**