

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

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WRIT PETITION NO. 14043 OF 2025

Sudeep Sreedharan Meleveetil	... Petitioner
Versus	
Union of India and Ors.	... Respondents

Mr. Ameya Tamhane i/b A.H. Legal for the Petitioner.
Ms. Priyanka Chavan for Respondent No.1 – Union of India.
Ms. D.S. Deshmukh, AGP for Respondent – State.
Mr. Sudesh Sreedharan Meleveetil, Respondent No.3 present in person.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND
HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, JJ.**

DATE : 6th MAY, 2026

P.C. :

1. Pursuant to the order dated 17th April, 2026, the first Petitioner has got the notice published in Daily Hindu and has tendered a service affidavit dated 4th May, 2026. Copy of the publication is also placed on record. The original service affidavit and copy of the publication is marked as 'X-1' (Collectively) for identification.

2. Shri. Sudesh Sreedharan Meleveetil, Respondent No.3, is present in the Court hall. He has addressed us. He submits that his source of income is his profession of being a financial consultant. He submits that he has every desire to collaborate with Petitioner No.1 who

is his biological brother and take care of Petitioner No.2, who is their biological father, 82 years of age and presently residing with Petitioner No.1. His father retired as an engineer from the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

3. We called upon both the parties as to whether they would agree to referring this matter to a trained mediator. Both of them have agreed. Considering that the issue is very sensitive and pertains to an aged biological father who has few medical ailments, we recommended that the matter be referred to the learned Senior Advocate Shri. Rajiv Patil, a trained mediator and a highly respected lawyer of the Bombay High Court. The parties are agreeable.

4. The Registry shall transfer this proceeding to the learned Mediator Mr. Rajiv Patil. Petitioner No.1 and Respondent No.3 tender their E-mail address and Whatsapp Cell Number, which are recorded hereunder, for ease of correspondence.

Petitioner No.1

Whatsapp No. 9820407551

E-mail id : ameytamhane@gmail.com

Respondent No.3 - Shri. Sudesh Sreedharan Meleveetil

Whatsapp No. 9880291710

E-mail id : sudeshsree@yahoo.com

5. The above E-mail address and Whatsapp number are confirmed by Petitioner No.1 and Respondent No.3.

6. We would request the learned Senior Advocate Shri. Rajiv Patil to intimate the first date of hearing to these two parties on their E-mail address/Whatsapp number and take the mediation proceedings forward. We grant liberty to both the parties to circulate this Petition after the learned Mediator has tendered the Mediation Report.

(HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)