



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (LODGING) NO. 10818 OF 2025
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (LODGING) NO. 36274 OF 2025

Rajesh Mehta ...Petitioner

Versus

HDFC Bank Ltd. ...Respondent

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (LODGING) NO. 38751 OF 2025

HDFC Bank Ltd. ...Applicant

Versus

Rajesh Mehta ...Respondent

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 3802 OF 2025

HDFC Bank Ltd. ...Petitioner

Versus

Rajesh Mehta ...Respondent

CONTEMPT PETITION (LODGING) NO. 494 OF 2024
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 1760 OF 2024

HDFC Bank Ltd. ...Petitioner

Versus

Kishor K. Mehta ...Respondent

WITH
SHOW CAUSE NOTICE NO. 3 OF 2024

HDFC Bank Ltd. ...Petitioner

Versus

Kishor K. Mehta And Anr. ...Respondents



**WITH
SHOW CAUSE NOTICE NO. 2 OF 2024**

HDFC Bank Ltd.

...Petitioner

Versus

Kishor K. Mehta

...Respondent

**WITH
CONTEMPT PETITION (LODGING) NO. 41943 OF 2025
IN
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 4454 OF 2025**

HDFC Bank Ltd.

...Applicant

Versus

Rajesh Mehta

...Respondent

**WITH
WRIT PETITION (LODGING) NO. 40817 OF 2025**

Rajesh Mehta

...Petitioner

Versus

The Union of India
Through The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs

...Respondent

Mr. Rahul Narichania, Sr. Counsel a/w Mr. Utsav Trivedi, Mr. Rafeeq Peermohideen & Ms. Linzy Sharan i/b PDS Legal, learned Advocate for the Petitioner in WP(L)/40817/2025.

Mr. Rahul Narichania, Sr. Advocate a/w Mr. Utsav Trivedi, Mr. Rafeeq Peermohideen, Ms. Jyoti Ghag, Mr. Shailesh Prajapati, Mr. Ankit Singhal i/b Dua Associates, learned Advocate for Respondent No. 2 in WP(L)/10818/2025, IA(L)/36274/2025, IA(L)/38751/2025, WP/3802/2025, CONPW(L)/494/2024, SCNW/3/2024 & SCNW/2/2024 & CONPW(L)/41943/2025.

Mr. Zoeb C. Cutlerywala a/w Ms. Sulekha Punyani a/w Prakhar Dixit & Ms. Aditi Mishra i/b Phoenix Legal, learned Advocate for Respondent No. 1 in WP(L)/10818/2025 & connected matters.

Mr. Y. R. Mishra a/w Mr. Shailendra Mishra, Advocate for Respondent Nos. 1 & 2 in WP(L)/40817/2025.



CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.
[VACATION COURT]
DATE : 29th DECEMBER, 2025.

P.C. :

1. On 26.12.2025, the following order was made :-

“1. *This Petition was circulated on the ground of urgency, as mentioned in praecipe dated 26.12.2025.*

2. *Mr. Zoeb Cutlerywala, states that though the Respondent No. 3 is not served in this matter, he has instructions to appear on behalf of the Respondent No. 3. He submits that Writ Petition No. 10818 of 2025 filed by the Petitioner on similar / identical issue is pending before this Court. He submits that vide order dated 2nd December, 2025, this Court has fixed the next date in said Writ Petition No. 10818 of 2025 as 9th January, 2026. He raises preliminary objection to the maintainability of this petition. At any rate, he submits that there is no urgency for taking up the present Petition in vacation.*

3. *Mr. Devdatta Kamat, learned Senior Advocate for the Petitioner, states that the Petitioner has produced the copy of the order dated 2.12.2025 passed by this Court in Writ Petition No. 10818 of 2025 on record at page No. 1096 of the paper book. He fairly submits that the said Order dated 2.12.2025 was questioned before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave to Appeal No. 35542 of 2025. He submits that the said Special Leave to Appeal No. 35542 of 2025 was disposed off on 10.12.2025.*

4. *This Court has made the following order in Writ Petition No. 10818 of 2025 :-*

“1. *Heard learned counsel for the parties.*

2. *By this Application, the Applicant seeks travel permission to leave and enter India for a period of one year from 4 December 2025, on which date the earlier permission granted by this Court comes to an end.*

3. *We are satisfied that there is no extreme urgency for taking up of this Application and its hearing can be deferred to 9 January 2026 at 3.00 p.m. in the afternoon session.*



4. The reason that the Applicant is a Trustee of Lilavati Trust and that the Trust wants to set up a Cancer Hospital for which purpose the Applicant has to travel abroad, can always be considered on 9 January 2026. This is not some case of grave urgency. Further, it is not as if, the other Trustees cannot attend to this matter assuming that any important steps have to be taken between now and 9 January 2026.

5. Accordingly, we defer the hearing in this Application to 9 January 2026 at 3.00 p.m..

6. At the request of Mr. Kamat leave is granted to the Applicant to file rejoinder. Mr. Kamat states that such rejoinder will be filed and served by 20 December 2025. Interim Application (Lodging) No.38751 of 2025 is also adjourned to 9 January 2026 at 3.00 p.m.

(Emphasis supplied)”

5. Vide order dated 10th December, 2025, the Hon’ble Supreme Court, has disposed of the Special Leave to Appeal No. 35542 of 2025 by observing as follows:-

“1. Having argued for some time, the learned senior counsel, appearing for the petitioner, seeks permission to withdraw this special leave petition, reserving liberty to the petitioner to approach the High Court for advancement of the hearing of the pending case.

2. The special leave petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

3. However, we make no comment as to the course of action to be taken by the High Court. It is for the petitioner to make out the grounds before the High Court, if he seeks advancement of hearing.

(Emphasis supplied)”

6. In view of the objections raised by Mr. Zoeb Cutlerywala and the observation of the Hon’ble Supreme Court in its order dated 10th December, 2025, Mr. Devdatta Kamat, learned Senior Advocate, requests for time to take instructions from the Petitioner. He submits that the Petitioner has urgency and therefore request for listing of this matter on Monday.

7. Mr. Mishra, learned Advocate appears on behalf of Union of India and states that copy of the Petition is just served on him. He requests for time to take instructions.



8. *Mr. Devdatta Kamat submits that the Advocate on record for the Petitioner present in the Court has tendered copy of the Petition along with documents to Mr. Zoeb Cutlerywala, who appears on behalf of the Respondent No. 3.*

9. *In view of the request made by Mr. Devdatt Kamat, learned Senior Advocate for the Petitioner and by consent of the parties, list this Petition on 29th December, 2025.”*

2. Today, Mr. Rahul Narichania, learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the Petitioner submits that the matter be adjourned to the date assigned i.e. 09.01.2026 at 3:00 p.m.

3. At the request of Mr. Rahul Narichania, learned Senior Counsel for the Petitioner and by consent of the parties, all the aforesaid matters be listed on 09.01.2026 at 3:00 p.m.

[ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.]

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