

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
ADMIRALTY AND VICE ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION  
IN ITS COMMERCIAL DIVISION**

**COMMERCIAL ADMIRALTY SUIT NO. 14 OF 2014**

**MS. NORDLAKE GMBH )...PLAINTIFF**

**V/s.**

**UNION OF INDIA AND ANOTHER )...DEFENDANTS**

**WITH  
ADMIRALTY SUIT NO. 23 OF 2011**

Ms.Sanika Kulkarni i/by Mr.Adil Patel, Advocate for the Plaintiff in COMAS/14/2014.

Mr.Rahul Narichania, Senior Advocate a/w. Mr.Ashish Mehta, Mr.Aayush Ramesh, Mr.Kartik Pandey i/by Ethos Legal Alliance, Advocate for the Plaintiff in ADMS/23/2011 and for the Defendants in COMAS/14/2014.

**CORAM : ABHAY AHUJA, J.**

**DATE : 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

**P.C. :**

1. When the matter is called out, Ms.Sanika Kulkarni, learned Counsel, appears for the Plaintiff in Commercial Admiralty Suit No.14 of 2014 and submits that despite last chance having been granted to the Defendants, no settlement has taken place and she has instructions to urge this Court to proceed with the Suit.

2. Mr.Narichania, learned Senior Counsel, appearing for the Defendants in Commercial Admiralty Suit No.14 of 2014 and for the Plaintiff in Admiralty Suit No.23 of 2011, submits that the proposal as recorded in the order dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 is still pending consideration with the Ministry of Defence, however, since the pleadings are complete in the Admiralty Suit No.23 of 2011, this Court may list the matter for settlement / framing of issues on the next date.

3. Having heard the learned Counsel and the learned Senior Counsel, list on **6<sup>th</sup> February 2026** for framing of issues in Admiralty Suit No.23 of 2011.

4. Let draft issues be exchanged in advance.

5. As regards Commercial Admiralty Suit No.14 of 2014, Ms. Kulkarni for the Plaintiff submits since pursuant to orders of this Court monies have been deposited in the limitation fund, this Court may proceed to hear the said Suit on the basis of limitation fund.

6. Mr.Narichania, learned Senior Counsel, submits that the Union of India's appeal is still pending, and therefore, the hearing of the said Suit may be adjourned suitably, however, submitting that there is no stay on the Suit.

7. List the said Suit also for hearing on the next date.

**(ABHAY AHUJA, J.)**