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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 2372 OF 1998**

Hindustan Lever Ltd & Ors ...Petitioners
Versus
Securities and Exchange Board of India & Ors ...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 1837 OF 1998**

Securities and Exchange Board of India ...Petitioner
Versus
Hindustan Lever Ltd & Ors ...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 2389 OF 1998
WITH
CHAMBER SUMMONS NO. 309 OF 2010
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 2389 OF 1998**

Unit Trust of India ...Petitioner
Versus
Union of India & Ors ...Respondents

**WITH
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO 2092 OF 2004
(Not on Board)**

Hindustan Lever Ltd & Anr ... Petitioners

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The Securities & Exchange Board of India & Anr ... Respondents

Mr Zal Andhyarujina, Senior Advocate, with Pawan Mali, Arun Siwach, Priyanka Mitra & Karan Khetani, i/b Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, for the Petitioners in I/2372/1998 and for Respondents Nos. 1 to 6 iIWP/1837/1998 and for Respondent No. 4In WP/2389/1998.

Mr Amit Desai, Senior Advocate, presumably with many others but whose appearances were not given, i/b Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas for the Petitioners in Cri WP 2092/2004

P Fernandes, with Aakash Shah, i/b Dave & Girish & Co, for the PetitionI in WP/2389/1998, Respondent NI 7 in WP/1837/1998, RespondentIo. 5 in WP/2372/1998 and for the Petitioner in CHSW/309/2010.

Ms Purvi Jain, i/b Vidhii Partners, for the PeItioner in WP/1837/1998, ResponInt No. 1 in WP/2372/1998 and for RespIdent No. 3 in I/2389/1998.

Mr YR Mishra, with DA Dube & Upendra Lokegaonkar, fIRespondent No. 1-UOI.

Mr Rui Rodrigues, i/b NR Prajapati, for Respondent No. 10.

Mr Kushal Mor, for Respondent No.1, SEBI, in Cr WP 2092/2004.

**CORAM G.S. Patel &
S.G. Dige, JJ.**

DATED: 12th January 2023

PC:-

1. In this group, there are Writ Petitions that pertain to civil proceedings and there is one that pertains to criminal proceedings. All have been tagged. The contesting parties are the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the Unit Trust of India (UTI).

2. The Civil Writ Petitions are of 1998. Criminal Writ Petition No. 2092 of 2004 is only slightly younger, but not by much. There cannot obviously, therefore be a greater delay. List this group for final disposal on 13th, 14th, 15th and 17th March at 2.30 pm. The hearing must conclude within that time. All Interim Applications are to be listed along with the Writ Petitions on that date.

3. To facilitate the hearing, we permit all parties to file—

- (a) Advance concise notes of arguments in hard and soft copy by 3rd March 2023. These notes must be no more than about 20 pages each. They must not be in a font less than 12 point serif. We do not permit long extracts or quotations from either the record or judgments or other materials in these notes. References to compilations are permitted in footnotes.
- (b) Separately, a list of dates, again in hard and soft copy, will be required.
- (c) Both sides may also tender compilations of authorities proposed to be relied on. These must be indexed and paginated.

4. Further—

- (a) All submissions, list of dates and compilations must be on A4 white paper.
- (b) For soft copies, all compilations and notes must be bookmarked.

- (c) The index of the authorities compilations must also be hyperlinked to the relevant pages of the compiled judgments.
- (d) If not already done, the entire record in all the Writ Petitions (including the Interim Applications that are pending) is to be digitized in accordance with the established procedures. Assistance may be taken from the Court Registry if required. A soft copy of this digitized record is to be provided on a pen drive to the Court Associate also by 3rd March 2023.

5. In the meantime, all ad-interim orders stand extended until 21st March 2023.

(S. G. Dige, J)

(G. S. Patel, J)