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

WRIT PETITION NO. 1837 OF 1998
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 1556 OF 2023

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

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 2372 OF 1998

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

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

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

AND
CRIMINAL APPELLATE SIDE
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 2092 OF 2004
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 3290 OF 2022

Hindustan Lever Ltd. & Anr. ..Petitioners
Vs.
The Securities and Exchange Board of India & Anr. ..Respondents

Mr. Arun Siwach with Mr. Karan Khetani i/b Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas for
Petitioner in WP/2372/1998, for R. No. 1 To 6 in WP/1837/1998, for R. No.
4 in WP/2389/1998 and for Petitioner in Cri. W. P. 2092/2004

Mr. Aakash Shah i/b Dave & Girish & Co. for Petitioner in WP/2389/1998 and for Applicant in CHSW/309/2010, for R. No. 5 in WP/2372/1998 and for R. No. 7 in WP/1837/1998

Mr. Omprakash Jha for SEBI in WP/1837/1998, 2372/1998 and 2389/1998

**CORAM : G. S. KULKARNI &
FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, JJ.**
DATE : JANUARY 19, 2024

P.C.:

1. These three Writ Petitions are filed by Securities and Exchange Board of India, Hindustan Lever Ltd. and Unit Trust of India. We also have a Criminal Writ Petition, being Writ Petition No.2092 of 2004, which is tagged along with the Civil Writ Petitions. Civil Writ Petitions being of the year 1998 are required to be immediately taken up for final hearing. As contended on behalf of the parties, the outcome of the Criminal Writ Petition would depend on the outcome of the civil proceedings. We are informed that the pleadings of the proceedings are complete.
2. Place the Petitions for final hearing on **16th February 2024 at 2.30 p.m.** There shall not be any further adjournment.
3. All the documents and propositions which parties intend to canvas be placed on record prior to the adjourned date of hearing.
4. In the event the Petitioners are not willing to proceed further there shall not be any alternative but to dismiss the Petitions for want of prosecution.
5. Till the adjourned date of hearing, ad-interim relief granted earlier shall continue to operate.

(FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.)

(G. S. KULKARNI, J.)