

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

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 3864 OF 2025

IN

SUIT NO. 208 OF 2024

DBS Bank India Limited (Lakshmi Vilas Bank Ltd.
Now Part of DBS Bank Ltd.) And Anr. ...Applicants

In the matter between :

Vasant Lalit Shukla ...Plaintiffs

Versus

DBS Bank India Limited (Lakshmi Vilas Bank Ltd. ...Defendants
Now Part of DBS Bank Ltd.) And Ors.

Dr. Birendra Saraf *a/w Mayur Bhojwani, Damini Nagpal & Ulrik Jehangir i/b Manilal Kher Ambalal & Co., for the Applicant/Defendant Nos.1 and 2.*

Mr. Vaibhav Ghogare, *Counsel a/w Adv. Sujata Melekar i/b Adv. Sujata Melekar, for Plaintiff.*

CORAM : SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 26, 2026

ORDER :

1. The Plaintiff submits that he has no problem with deleting Defendant No. 2 from the array of parties, since there is neither any personal animosity nor any relief sought in respect of Defendant No. 2. As regards the institutional role of the other Defendants, which are *ad-*

hoc sub-committees formed by Defendant No. 1 upon the vesting of the undertaking of Lakshmi Vilas Bank into the undertaking of Defendant No. 1 – it was put to the parties to explore a practical resolution of their disputes so that precious time of the Court and of the respective parties could be saved.

2. It appears that what lies in the heart of the matter is a human resources dispute inherited by Defendant No. 1 from the erstwhile Lakshmi Vilas Bank.

3. To examine if such resolution is possible, stand over under the caption “***For Directions***” on ***March 24, 2026***.

4. All actions required to be taken pursuant to this order shall be taken upon receipt of a downloaded copy as available on this Court’s website.

[SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.]