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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL/CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
AND
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

**COMMON ORDER IN THE MATTERS LISTED AT
SERIAL NOS.1 TO 24 (EXCEPT Sr.No.4)
ON DAILY BOARD DATED 7th MAY 2026.**

1-ITXA/1380/2020

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2-ITXA/215/2023

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3-ITXA/736/2023

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4-ITXA/1381/2020

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5-ITXA/66/2024 WITH ITXA/1069/2020

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6-WP/3795/2025

Ms. Minal Chandnani, Advocate for the Petitioner
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Mr. S. V. Gavand, Additional Public Prosecutor for the Respondent-State.

7-WP/3802/2025

Mr. Kevic Setalvad, Senior Advocate a/w Mr. Vikram Kamath, Mr. Advait Shukla i/b Phoenix Legal, Advocates for Petitioner- HDFC Bank.

8-WPL/10818/2025

Mr. Devadatt Kamath, Senior Advocate a/w Mr. Joel Carlos a/w Mr. Aditya N. Raut a/w Mr. Utsav Trivedi a/w Mr. Arpit Gupta i/b Desai Desai Carrimjee and Mulla, Advocates for the Petitioner.

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9-WP/17461/2025

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10-WPL/27985/2025

Mr. Dakshesh Vyas, Mr. Tarun Mehra, Mr. H. N. Thakare, Mr. Shailesh Prajapati, Ankit Singhal i/b M/s. Dua Associates, Advocates for Petitioner.

11-RPWL/33635/2025

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12-RPWL/33676/2025

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13-WPL/40817/2025

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14-CONPWL/41943/2025

Mr. Kevic Setalvad, Senior Advocate a/w Mr. Vikram Kamath, Mr. Advait Shukla i/b Phoenix Legal, Advocates for Petitioner- HDFC Bank.

15-CONPW/9/2026 IN WP/1760/2024

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16-WP/1513/2026

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17-WP/1561/2026

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18-APPL/1661/2026

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19-WP/2121/2026

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20-WPL/9609/2026

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21-WPL/13036/2026

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Mr. Harjot Singh Alang a/w Mr. Shah i/b Anjana Shah & Co., Advocates for Respondent No. 3.

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22-WPL/13037/2026

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23-WPL/13038/2026

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24-WPL/13148/2026

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Usama Shaikh i/b BJ Law Offices LLP for Respondent no. 2.

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25-WPL/13281/2026

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**CORAM : SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ &
RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.**

DATE : 7th MAY 2026

P.C. :

On 5th May, 2022, the following order was passed by this
Court :

“These matters have come up on Board by virtue of the administrative direction given by one of us (Chief Justice) when a copy of the order dated 20th April 2026 passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) Nos.13787-13788 of 2026 was placed before the Chief Justice. It was pursuant to a direction given by the Chief Justice that the Registry collected necessary information of all pending matters in which one of the parties was related to Lilavati Hospital Trust.

The Registry also apprised the Chief Justice that as many as 13 Hon'ble Judges of this High Court have recused themselves and declined to hear one or the other matter. It was in this background that a Special Bench has been constituted for hearing the matters which are listed on Board from S. Nos.901 to 929. We are informed that some of these matters are pending before the Single Bench. A decision regarding posting of such matters may be taken by the Chief Justice on administrative side. We have asked the learned counsels appearing in these matters to provide the details of any other matter which has been left out and does not appear on Board today.

2. However, we are constrained to indicate that these matters may not be heard by this Bench.

3. Place these matters before a Bench of which one of us (Suman Shyam, J.) is not a member.

4. Post these matters tomorrow, that is, 6th May 2026."

2. As indicated in the order dated 5th May 2026, these matters were directed to be heard by a Bench specially constituted for hearing these matters. As such a direction was issued on the administrative side by the Chief Justice pursuant to the order dated 20th April 2026 passed in Special Leave Petition (C) Nos.13787-13788 of 2026.

3. Mr. Devdatt Kamat, the learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner in Writ Petition (L) No.40817 of 2025 submits that the petitioner was permitted in the past to travel abroad where his family resides. However, Mr. Kevic Setalvad, the learned senior counsel appearing for the HDFC Bank states that there were serious violations of the conditions to travel abroad by the petitioner and, in respect thereof, the Bank has filed contempt petitions.

4. As we can gather, just on a glance at the "Numbering" of the writ petition, this petition is still in defects.

5. The learned senior counsel appearing for the HDFC Bank seeks two weeks' time to file reply-affidavit.

6. Mr. Devdatt Kamat, the learned senior counsel appearing for Rajesh Mehta, on instructions from Mr. Utsav Trivedi, the learned vice counsel seeks permission to withdraw Writ Petition (L) No.10818 of 2025 but this prayer is opposed on behalf of the HDFC Bank which is represented through Mr. Kevic Setalvad, the learned senior counsel.

7. In view thereof, it is indicated that Contempt Petition (L)No.41943 of 2025 in Interim Application No.4454 of 2025 and Contempt Petition No.9 of 2026 in Writ Petition No.1760 of 2024 shall be taken up together for hearing alongwith the afore-mentioned writ petitions.

8. There are as many as four Income Tax Appeals out of which Income Tax Appeal No.1069 of 2020 is said to be lead matter, a decision on which shall have a bearing on Income Tax Appeal No.66 of 2024. Mr. Prakash. C. Chhotaray, the learned counsel appearing for the appellant-Revenue in Income Tax Appeal No.1069 of 2020 states that there were large scale irregularities found in the course of the search and, as a consequence thereof, the registration of the Trust was cancelled.

9. We find that in other matters also, there are serious allegations by the Trustees and former Trustees levelled against each other regarding the large scale misappropriation of funds. There are also criminal proceedings filed against the Trustees and the former Trustees.

10. In view of the fact that the parties are engaged in bitter litigations in at least 31 matters and, as noticed above, there are serious allegations of misappropriation of funds, both before the Division Bench and Single Judge, we have formed an opinion that the functioning of the Trust seems to have been seriously hampered. Therefore, we are proposing to appoint a Committee of the Administrators.

11. Parties to respond within four weeks, that is, after vacation. Liberty to the petitioner represented through Mr.Devdatt Kamat, the learned senior counsel, to mention for any urgent relief before the Vacation Bench.

12. Let the pleadings be completed within four weeks in all matters.
13. Post these matters on 12th June 2026.

[RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]