

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

WRIT PETITION (LODGING) NO.23665 OF 2025

Bennett Coleman & Company Ltd. ... Petitioners

Versus

The Board of Trustees of the Port of
Bombay & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Dharam Jumani a/w Ms. Sejal Padaya, Ms. Mansi Gangurde
i/b Chandrika Prajapati for the Petitioners

None for the Respondents

**CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE &
DR. NEELA GOKHALE, JJ.
MONDAY, 25th AUGUST 2025**

P.C :

- 1 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners.
- 2 Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on **19th September 2025.**
- 3 Learned counsel for the petitioners to supply spare copies in the Registry within two weeks from today, so as to

enable the Registry to issue notice to the respondents. Hamdast permitted.

4 In addition to Court notice, petitioners to serve the respondents, by private notice and file affidavit of service before the next date.

5 Since, according to the learned counsel for the petitioners, the reliefs sought in this petition are identical to those in Writ Petition (Lodging) No.20627/2025 filed by the *Express Newspapers Pvt. Ltd.*, this petition be tagged with WPL/20627/2025, WP/3143/2022, and other connected petitions.

6 Stand over to **19th September 2025.**

7 In the meantime, till the next date, no coercive steps be taken *qua* the petitioners.

8 Needless to state, that the respondent No.1 shall, however, be at liberty to raise claims, present and future, against the petitioners on the impugned scale of rates, before the Estate Officer. The Estate Officer, shall not, however, pass any orders on such claims, till disposal of this petition.

9 Needless to also state, that proceedings before the Estate Officer, *qua* the petitioners, shall continue, however, no final order shall be passed therein.

10 All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.