

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 3019 OF 2014

Chandrabhas Narayan Shirali & Ors. ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd. & Ors.. ...Respondents

WITH  
INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 38693 OF 2025

Ms. Jane Cox a/w Bennet D'Costa, Jignasha Pandya, Vinayak Suthar and Sushant Dekhane for Petitioner in WP No.3019 of 2014 and for Applicants in IAL No.38693 of 2025.

Adv. L. Dsouza a/w Deepika Agarwal i/b V. M. Parkar for Respondent.

CORAM: G. S. KULKARNI &  
AARTI SATHE, JJ.

DATE: 09 DECEMBER 2025

P.C.

1. We have heard learned counsel for the Applicant/Petitioner on this Application, which primarily prays that the petitioner be allowed to pursue this petition in the representative capacity under Order 1 Rule 8 of the Code of Civil Procedure on behalf of the persons listed at Exhibit – A, who are all stated to be senior citizens. We have perused the averments as made in the application. We are inclined to allow the application in terms of prayer clause (b).

2. At this stage, we may observe that prayer clause (a) need not be granted as petitioner No.4 has already expired, and in so far as his legal heirs are concerned, they can be brought on record however a dead person cannot be substituted with another person namely Mr. Mohan P. Mathure.

3. If the name of Mr. Mohan P. Mathure as set out in proposed amendment, who is already there in the list of employees at Exhibit – A to the petition, then

certainly, grant of relief in terms of prayer clause (b) of this application would inure to the benefit of such person.

4. In the aforesaid circumstances, we are also inclined to grant the application in terms of prayer clause (c).

5. Let necessary steps in that regard be taken within a period of two weeks from today. A copy of the affidavit proving issuance of notice/publication be placed on record of this Court on or before the adjourned date of hearing. Copy of the same be served on the respondents.

6. List the proceedings for hearing on **9 January 2026**.

7. The Interim Application is disposed of in the aforesaid terms. No costs.

(AARTI SATHE, J.)

(G. S. KULKARNI, J.)