

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 3019 OF 2014  
WITH  
INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 38693 OF 2025  
IN  
WRIT PETITION NO. 3019 OF 2014

Chandrabhas Narayan Shirali & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. & Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Jane Cox a/w Bennet D'costa, Jignasha Pandya, Sushant Dekhane & Vinayak  
Suthar for Petitioners.

Mr. Lancy D'souza a/w Deepika Agarwal i/b. V. M. Parkar for the Respondents.

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

DATE: 21 APRIL 2026

P.C.

1. Leave is granted to amend the typographical error in prayer clause (c) of the Petition and to correct the reference from Exhibit E-1 to Exhibit G-1. Amendment to be carried out during the course of the day. Re-verification is dispensed with.

2. Today we commenced hearing the arguments of Mr. D'souza on behalf of the Respondents. During the course of the arguments, on instructions of the Respondents' Officers, Mr. D'souza submits in the context of the pension plan as set out in the handbook, Exhibit-L, page 200 of the paper-book, he intends to

place on record an affidavit as to which of the ESSO employees in the management category as also in the non-management category are being paid pension. The Respondent shall also specify in the affidavit as to which and how many of the employees are receiving pension, including employees of the erstwhile ESSO.

3. Let the affidavit be served on the Advocate of the Petitioner on or before 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Rejoinder, if any, be placed on record before the returnable date.

4. List the proceedings on **4<sup>th</sup> May 2026** at 3.00 pm

(AARTI SATHE, J.)

(G. S. KULKARNI, J.)