

ITEM NO.16

COURT NO.16

SECTION IX

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 4070/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 18-11-2025 in WP No. 11066/2023 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay]

JOHN WILSON EDUCATION SOCIETY & ORS. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

NASEER BABASAHEB JAHAGIRDAR & ORS. Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 02-02-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

For Petitioner(s) :

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For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Referring to the definition of the term 'Governing body' as occurring in Statute 409 (xvi) of the Bombay University Act, 1974 read with Clause 32 of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the John Wilson Education Society, Bombay, Mr. Mr. A. N. S. Nadkarni, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit

that the competent body to appoint an Inquiry Officer is the 'Board of Management' of the John Wilson Education Society and the said Body had appointed the Inquiry Officer. However, the High Court has taken a hyper technical view by recording a finding that the Inquiry Officer should have been appointed by the 'Society' and not by the 'Board of Management'.

2. Issue notice, returnable on 06.05.2026.

3. In the meanwhile, effect and operation of the impugned order passed by the High Court, shall remain stayed.

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