

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 6191-6195/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 18-11-2025 in OSA (CAD) No. 108/2025 18-11-2025 in CMP No. 26139/2025 18-11-2025 in CMP No. 25753/2025 18-11-2025 in CMP No. 25756/2025 18-11-2025 in CMP No. 25759/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

BRANDEVAN FOOD PRODUCTS

Respondent(s)

IA No. 46178/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 23-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Having heard learned senior counsels appearing for the parties and having regard to the submissions made by Mr. Navin Pahwa, learned senior counsel appearing for the respondent(s)-writ petitioner(s) to the effect that they would not press the proceedings initiated by them under Section 17 of the Arbitration and Reconciliation Act including the arbitration or any other arbitration proceedings before the learned Arbitrator, we place his submission and undertaking on record and at this stage do not propose to pass any interim order. We are of the view that best interest of the traveling passengers of six Vande Bharat Trains is paramount and the present dispute relates to quality of the food products and/or catering services rendered by petitioner and there are chances of issues being thrashed out or differences, if any, can being ironed out if mediation takes place between the parties themselves and as such we direct the parties to sit across and try to thrash out the differences, if any, and report the outcome of such process undertaken to this Court within four weeks from today.

2. Re-list on 23.03.2026.

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