

ITEM NO.21

COURT NO.1

SECTION XII-A

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).10833/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 08-01-2026 in AS No.543/2025 passed by the High Court for The State of Telangana at Hyderabad]

MEKALA RAM REDDY &amp; ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THASLIMA AZEEM &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 02-04-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) Ms. Priyanka Dagar, Adv.  
Mr. Raunaq Dalal, Adv.  
Mrs. Priyanka Hooda, Adv.  
Mr. Deepkaran Dalal, AOR

For Respondent(s)

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

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners at considerable length and carefully perused the material placed on record.

2. While we are not inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment passed by the High Court, to the extent that it set aside the order rejecting the plaint with a direction to the Trial Court to decide the suit; however, it seems to us that the issue of limitation raised by the petitioner, stating that the suit is time-barred, ought to be treated as a preliminary issue by the Trial Court. We direct accordingly.

3. We are also conscious of the fact that no notice has been issued to the respondents at this stage. However, since the order merely directs the Trial Court to treat the objection of limitation as a preliminary issue, which was otherwise also available to the petitioner, it will not cause any prejudice to the respondents. Hence, we do not deem it necessary to hear them at this stage. Ordered accordingly.

4. The Special Leave Petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)  
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

(PREETHI T.C.)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR