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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).31431-31432/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 07-10-2025 in WP No.7047/2023 14-10-2025 in WP No.7047/2023 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay]

PRATIKRAJ RAJENDRAKUMAR HAMAND & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

NIKITA DEEPAKRAO MORE & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 319842/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 322302/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 272902/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 322303/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 319843/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 272909/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 319841/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 302497/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

WITH

SLP(C) No. 32885/2025 (IX-A)

IA No. 280688/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 280692/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No.302613/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Date : 18-02-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

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

1. Applications for impleadment/intervention are allowed. Cause title amended accordingly.
2. The applicants are permitted to file their counter affidavit within 10 days, with an advance copy to the petitioners' side.
3. Having heard learned senior counsel/counsel for the parties very briefly, we are satisfied that with or without the aid of our powers under Article 142 of the Constitution of India, applicant no.8 in IA No.319842/2025, namely, Pratiksha Sheshrao Gawande, deserves to be appointed as a Judicial Magistrate (First Class) and Civil Judge, Junior Division in Maharashtra. Ordered accordingly.
4. The respondent-Authorities are directed to offer her appointment within one week. She will, however, rank junior in the seniority list to all those judicial officers who have already been appointed.

5. With regard to the other claims, learned counsel for the Bombay High Court, as well as for the State of Maharashtra and the Public Service Commission, seeks and is granted two weeks' time to have instructions.

6. Post these matters on 11.03.2026.

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ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR