

ITEM NO.301

COURT NO.7

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). 320/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 24-11-2025 in WP No. 11249/2022 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay at Aurangabad]

BAJAJ GENERAL INSURANCE LIMITED

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 3364/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT & IA No. 3363/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 06-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

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

1. Our order dated 12th January, 2026 reads thus:-

"1. Heard the learned Senior counsel appearing for the petitioner.

2. Exemption Applications are allowed.

3. Issue notice, returnable on 2-2-2026.

4. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted.

5. Liberty is granted to serve the Standing counsel for the State of Maharashtra.

6. Since we have issued notice and would like to hear the matter further, the amount of Rs.75,00,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Crore only) deposited with the Registry of the High Court of Bombay, shall not be disbursed for the time being".

2. The controversy today, as argued on behalf of the Petitioner - Company, is that despite there being a specific direction from this Court that the amount of Rs.75,00,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Crore only) deposited with the Registry of the High Court of Bombay shall not be disbursed, yet the amount which was deposited with the Registry of the High Court stood transferred to the Government Treasury of the State of Maharashtra.

3. Mr. Balbir Singh, the learned Senior counsel appearing for the State submitted that it is true that this Court passed the Order on 12th January, 2026, referred to above. However, by that point of time, the amount had already stood transferred from the Registry of the Bombay High Court to the Government Treasury.

4. We may not get into any further debate on this issue.

5. We are informed that the amount that stood transferred from the Registry of the High Court was to the tune of Rs.92.93 Crore. The amount of Rs.93 Crore shall now be deposited with whatever interest accrued upon it with the Registry of this Court within a

period of one week from today.

6. Once the amount comes to the Registry of this Court, the Registry shall thereafter invest the same in an interest-bearing Fixed Deposit initially for a short term period of three months with any Nationalized Bank which fetches maximum rate of interest with auto-renewal facility.

7. We shall take up this matter on 22-7-2026.

(VISHAL ANAND)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)