

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____/2026
[@ SLP [C] NO.22535/2026]**

HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

S.MURALI KRISHNAN & ORS.

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the appellant and the respondent.

The subject matter of the appeal lies in a very narrow compass. The learned counsel appearing for the appellant submitted that, apart from the issue of maintainability, the direction issued for the personal presence of the Managing Director of the appellant is not required. In any event, it was submitted that the grant of one time settlement lies exclusively within the discretion of the appellant,

as has been repeatedly held by this Court.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent(s) submitted that a reasonable offer has been made and, since the said offer had not been considered by the appellant, the aforesaid direction has been issued.

We are not inclined to go into the merits of this case, as the matter is still pending consideration before the High Court in Writ Petition filed by the respondent No.1.

Suffice it is to hold that the Managing Director of the appellant is not required to be present before the High Court and it is for the appellant to consider the request of One Time Settlement offered by respondent No.1 in accordance with law and take an appropriate decision thereon, if it so chooses.

Taking note of the limited scope involved in the Writ Petition, we request the High Court to dispose of Writ Petition No. 14120/2026 within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

In the meantime, it is well open to the appellant to consider respondent No.1's request for one-time Settlement in accordance with law.

The appeal stands disposed of accordingly.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

.....J.
[M.M. SUNDRESH]

.....J.
[SHEEL NAGU]

NEW DELHI;
JULY 03, 2026.

ITEM NO.30

COURT NO.2

SECTION IV-A

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). 22535/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 16-06-2026 in WP No. 14120/2026 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

S.MURALI KRISHNAN & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 186739/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 03-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU

PARTIAL COURT WORKING DAYS

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Naresh Kaushik, Sr. Adv.
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For Respondent(s) Mr. Abhinav R., Adv.

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

Leave granted.

The appeal stands disposed of in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(ASHA SUNDRIYAL)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POONAM VAID)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

[Signed order is placed on the file]