

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

CIVIL APPEAL NO. OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(C) NO.25281 OF 2026)

MANIPAL TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED & ANOTHER APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

BANK OF BARODA & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

2. We have heard learned senior counsel, Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram for the appellants and learned counsel, Mr. Kush Sharma for respondent No.1-Bank.

3. On perusal of the impugned order passed by the Division Bench of the High Court, we find that the writ appeal was against the order dated 08.06.2026 passed by the learned Single Judge in Writ Petition No.16741/2026 declining to grant interim relief. The Division Bench of the High Court in the impugned order in Writ Appeal No.1602/2026 at paragraph '1' as well as paragraph '47' notes that there was no ground to interfere with the impugned order passed by the learned Single Judge which is

dated 08.06.2026. Consequently, our understanding of the impugned order is that the Division Bench of the High Court also refused to grant an interim order in the matter.

4. The Writ Petition No.16741/2026 was ordered to be listed on 23.07.2026 by the learned Single Judge.

5. Learned senior counsel for the appellants submitted that in view of the detailed impugned order of the Division Bench, it appears that there is no substance as such in the writ petition inasmuch as it is implied that the writ petition itself has been dismissed by the Division Bench of the High Court. Therefore it was submitted that having regard to the fact that what was challenged by the appellants before the Division Bench of the High Court in the writ appeal was an order declining to grant interim relief and the writ petition is still at large to be argued on merits, appropriate orders may be made with regard to the impugned order so that the appellants' right to make submissions on merits in the writ petition is saved and reserved.

6. In response to this submission, learned counsel for the first respondent-Bank which is the contesting respondent brought to our notice the fact that in view of there being no interim order as against the Bank, it has proceeded to issue the work order/award the tender to respondent Nos.2 and 3 and they are presently on the verge of commencing their work in terms of the said tender. He also submitted that the Division Bench of the High Court was justified in considering the matter on merits, having regard to the fact that arguments were advanced on the merits of the case. Learned counsel for the first respondent-Bank therefore submitted that there is no merit in this appeal.

7. We have considered the arguments advanced at the bar in light of the fact that Writ Petition No.16741/2026 is still pending consideration before the learned Single Judge of the High Court. The writ petition was to be heard on 23.07.2026.

8. Writ Appeal No.1602/2026 was an appeal filed by the appellants herein being aggrieved by not being granted an interim relief in the aforesaid writ petition.

9. In view of the fact that the High Court has considered the controversy in light of the aforesaid impugned order passed by the learned Single Judge, we dispose of this appeal by observing that the appellants herein are at liberty to make submissions in W.P. No.16741/2026 on the merits. The impugned order passed by the Division Bench shall be construed to be an order giving reasons only for declining to grant interim relief.

10. In view of the above, we observe that all contentions on both sides on the merits of the writ petition are left open to be argued in the writ petition. This appeal is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

11. Since the matter pertains to grant of tender, the learned Single Judge is requested to hear the writ petition as expeditiously as possible and dispose of the same within a period of two months from the date on which the matter is listed next before the learned Single Judge.

12. The parties are at liberty to move the learned Single Judge for seeking listing of the matter as it was already slated to be listed on 23.07.2026.

13. Since we have not passed any adverse order as against respondent Nos.2 and 3 in this appeal, we have not issued notices to them. We also observe that tenders awarded to respondent Nos.2 and 3 would be subject to the result of the writ petition.

14. This appeal is disposed of in the aforesaid terms

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

.....J.
(B.V. NAGARATHNA)

.....J.
(R. MAHADEVAN)

NEW DELHI;
JULY 28, 2026.

ITEM NO.53

COURT NO.3

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 for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 25281/2026
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 16-07-2026 in WA No. 1602/2026 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

MANIPAL TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

BANK OF BARODA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 212594/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 214965/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
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Date : 28-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

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Ms. Asiya Khan, AOR

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

1. Issue notice to the respondents.

2. Learned counsel, Ms. Asiya Khan who is also the caveator accepts notice for respondent No.1. Notice to respondent Nos. 2 and 3 is dispensed with.
3. Leave granted.
4. The appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order.
5. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(RADHA SHARMA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(DIVYA BABBAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(signed order is placed on the file)