

ITEM NO.22

COURT NO.15

SECTION IX

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. 6129/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 01-12-2025 in WP No. 362/2015 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay]

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ORS.**Petitioner(s)****VERSUS****TATA COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED****Respondent(s)**

(IA No. 45629/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT; IA No. 45630/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 20-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Shyam Mehta, Sr. Adv.
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Mr. Siddhant Grover, Adv.
Ms. Roshni Ojha, Adv.
M/s Khaitan & Co., AOR

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

- 1. We have heard Mr. Shyam Mehta, learned senior counsel for the petitioners and Dr. A. M. Singhvi, learned senior counsel for the respondent.**
- 2. In the facts and circumstances of the case, we are of the view that the impugned judgment has**

recorded available findings and hence, we see no ground to entertain the Special Leave Petition.

3. Accordingly, the Special Leave Petition stands dismissed.

4. Learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioners argues that the view of the High Court in paragraph nos. '66' and '67' of the impugned judgment are either harsh or avoidable, for the steps taken by the petitioners before us are in *bona fide* belief of its jurisdiction or discretion. He requests the Court to make the cost easy and expunge the costs imposed by the impugned judgment.

5. We have perused the reasoning in the impugned judgment. We are of the view that the prayer made by the petitioners is reasonable. Consequently, the direction for the imposition of cost of Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees twenty-five lakhs) in the impugned judgment is interfered with and set aside by us.

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

(SNEHA DAS)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(NIDHI MATHUR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)