

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). 10031/2026
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-04-2025
in FA No. 53/2018 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay]

KASHIH HARUN PATHAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY LTD. & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 65017/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 31-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Tanaji Nalawade, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Abdulrahiman Tamboli, Adv.
Mr. Rahul Joshi, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Ms. Meenakshi Midha, Adv.
Mr. Garv Singh, Adv.
Ms. Yadavi Malhotra, Adv.
Mr. Chander Shekhar Ashri, AOR

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

1. Ms. Meenakshi Midha, learned counsel appears on behalf of respondent no.1 and seeks time to file counter affidavit.
2. Let counter affidavit be filed within three weeks indicating the latest price of the artificial limb.
3. We notice that respondent No.2 though served, has not chosen to contest.
4. In the interest of justice, we request and appoint Ms. Pooja Lakshmi, learned counsel (emailid:poojalakshmi.advocate@gmail.com and Enrol.No.K/2873/2024), as *amicus curiae* (pro bono), to assist the Court on behalf of respondent no.2.

5. The Registry is directed to supply the complete paper book in digital form to the learned *amicus curiae* within a period of one week.

6. Learned *amicus curiae* shall endeavour to get in touch with the respondent directly, in writing, apprising him about the pendency of the present petition; passing of this order; his right of engaging a counsel of choice; and his right of being represented, subject to eligibility, through a Legal Aid Counsel.

7. Learned *amicus curiae* shall also get in touch with the Chairman of the concerned District Legal Services Authority, who shall have the above said respondent apprised of his rights to the aforesaid effect.

8. We clarify that the learned *amicus curiae* shall continue to assist the Court, even if the respondent is represented by a legally engaged counsel.

9. The Registry shall communicate this order to all concerned forthwith.

10. The Registry shall print the name of the learned *amicus curiae* in the cause list.

11. List on 03.09.2026.

(RAJNI MUKHI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)