

ITEM NO.12

COURT NO.14

SECTION XII-A

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). 17048/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 10-04-2026
in CRP No. 4466/2025 passed by the High Court for The State of
Telangana at Hyderabad]

THE INDIAN HUME PIPE CO. LTD.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

M/S B. RAM REDDY INFRA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

WITH

SLP(C) No. 16726/2026 (XII-A)

SLP(C) No. 17069/2026 (XII-A)

Date : 20-05-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA

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

1. By the impugned order, petitioner's right to submit its defence (written statement) has been forfeited on the ground that the same was presented after expiry of 120 days from the date of service of summons.

2. The submission on behalf of the petitioner is that though summons were served on 04.02.2025, they were without annexures to the plaint. The annexures to the plaint were provided on 19.03.2025 and, therefore, 120 days period would expire sometimes after 15.07.2026 whereas the written statement was presented on 07.07.2025. In such circumstances, according to the petitioner, as the written statement was submitted within the condonable period of delay, its explanation for condonation of delay ought to have been considered on merits whereas the court below has rejected it on the ground that it was beyond the condonable period.

3. The issue that arises for our consideration is whether supply of annexures along with the plaint is necessary as to effect proper service of summons.

4. Issue notice, returnable on 28.07.2026.

5. In the meantime, parties may exchange their affidavits as well as written submissions.

6. Further proceedings in the suit shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing.

(CHETAN ARORA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)