

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No.39435/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 07-10-2025 in WP No.4453/2025 & 22-06-2026 in CP No.593/2025 passed by the HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR]

**PROJECT DIRECTOR,
NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**

Petitioner

VERSUS

SHEELA VISHWASRAO KACHARE & ORS.

Respondents

I.A. No.300947/2026-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

I.A. No.300949/2026-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING/CURING THE DEFECTS

I.A. No.300950/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

I.A. No.300951/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

WITH

(ITEM NO.62)

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No.39440/2026

I.A. No.265808/2026-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

I.A. No.265805/2026-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING/CURING THE DEFECTS

I.A. No.265803/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

I.A No.265810/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 16-10-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU**

**For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sandeep S. Ladda, Adv.
Mrs. Prabhleen Apoorv Shukla- 3782, AOR**

**For Respondent(s) : Mr. Rajive Bhalla, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Ashok Mathur- 55, AOR
Ms. Manpreet Kaur, Adv.
Ms. Shradha Zutshi, Adv.**

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

S. L. P. (C) Diary No.39435/2026 & S. L. P. (C) Diary No.39440/2026

1. Order dated 07th October, 2025 on a writ petition¹ and order dated 22nd June, 2026 on a contempt petition passed by separate Division Benches of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, Circuit Bench at Kolhapur², are under challenge in these special leave petitions.
2. Challenge to the order dated 07th October, 2025 in (i) S.L.P. (C) Diary No.39435/2026 is delayed by 182 days and there is a refiling delay of 53 days; and (ii) S.L.P. (C) Diary No.39440/2026 is delayed by 179 days and there is a refiling delay of 28 days.
3. We have looked into the applications for condonation of delay and find that scanty reasons have been provided in support of the prayer for condonation.
4. Having heard the parties, we allow the prayer for condonation of delay, subject to payment of cost of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) only to each of the two sets of respondents by the next date of hearing.
5. Insofar as the merits are concerned, we are *prima facie* satisfied that the High Court may not have been right in disposing of the writ petition on 07th October, 2025 without looking into the aspect of compliance with Section 3E of the National Highways Act, 1956.
6. Issue notice.
7. Mr. Ashok Mathur, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent no.1. Service of formal notice, thus, stands dispensed with.
8. There shall be stay of proceedings for contempt before the High Court.

1 WP No.4456 of 2025

2 High Court

9. Since we are informed by learned counsel for the petitioner that the interest component in terms of the order dated 7th October, 2025 and the orders on the contempt petition have been deposited with the Registrar General of the High Court, we invite counter affidavit from the side of the respondents.

10. Let counter affidavit(s) be filed by three weeks; rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed by a week thereafter.

11. Tag with S.L.P. (C) Diary No.39415/2026.

(MANIK KUMAR)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)