

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. OF 2026
(arising out of SLP (Civil) Nos.9718-9719 of 2025)

STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH &
ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

M/S VIDHIMATA WOOD (PRIVATE)
LIMITED

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. Vide the impugned order dated 14.08.2024, High Court has declined to entertain an intra-court appeal primarily due to non-deposit of costs of Rs.5,000/-. The review petition against the said order was also dismissed on 11.11.2024. It appears that a demand draft dated 11.07.2024 for Rs.5,000/- had already been prepared and a compliance affidavit for the same was filed on 26.07.2024 before the High Court. Owing to this, it seems to us that it would be in the interest of justice and equity if the High Court is requested to decide the appeal on merits.

3. Taking into consideration all the attending circumstances, we allow these appeals and set aside the orders dated 14.08.2024 and 11.11.2024 and remit the matter(s) to the High Court to decide LPA No.180/2024 on merits. We may, however, hasten to add that, according to the learned senior counsel for the Appellants, the directions issued by the learned Single Judge have already been complied with and, thus, nothing survives in the appeal(s) on merits. It is clarified that this issue shall also be examined by

the High Court and we do not express any opinion in relation thereto.

4. The parties are directed to appear before the High Court on 16.09.2026.

.....CJI.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

.....J.
(V. MOHANA)

NEW DELHI;
SEPTEMBER 02, 2026.

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). 9718-9719/2025

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 14-08-2024 in LPA No. 180/2024 11-11-2024 in RP No. 110/2024 passed by the High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla]

STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

M/S VIDHIMATA WOOD (PRIVATE) LIMITED

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 219691/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No. 96509/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING THE SPARE COPIES, IA No. 71157/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 71155/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 02-09-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANA

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General
Mr. Vaibhav Srivastava, A.A.G.
Ms. Sugandha Anand, AOR

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Romy Chacko, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Sanjay Katyal, Adv.
Mr. Atul Sharma, AOR

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

Delay in filing counter affidavit is condoned.

Delay in filing spare copies is condoned.

Leave granted.

The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
DY. REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)