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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPLICATION NO.2511 OF 2014

IN

WRIT PETITION NO.3190 OF 1979

Shriram Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd.

..Applicant.

V/s.

Union of India & Ors.

..Respondents.

Mr. S.R.Moray i/b. Mr.Vishwanath S.Talkute for the applicant.

None for the respondents.

**CORAM : S.C.DHARMADHIKARI AND
A.K. MENON, JJ.**

DATED : 5TH MAY, 2015

P.C. :-

1. This matter was posted for directions pursuant to our earlier order.

2. Now, Mr.Talkute has reported that the Registry has responded to some of the queries that were raised by him and particularly in his letter dated 30th March, 2015.

3. The Registry has also stated that there are

nationalised banks and within the vicinity of 2 to 3 Kms. of this Court in which the amounts which have been deposited in this Court are invested. It is reported that none of these banks have any special schemes for investment of monies in fixed deposits by women litigants.

4. We would highly appreciate if both Registries, namely on Original as well as Appellate Side co-ordinate with each other and if there is a procedure evolved invite offers and quotations from the banks so that the amounts invested by this Court fetch interest at competitive and current rates. Then, that process and procedure must be adopted by both sides or both Registries this Court.

5. We would highly appreciate if all concerned realise that whenever this Court insists on compliance with the mandate of Article 14 of the Constitution of India and ensures equal, fair, just and reasonable treatment in State action, then, it is incumbent upon the Registry officials that they take steps and avoid complaints of discrimination by litigants. All litigants and on whose behalf or who have deposited monies in his Court deserve equal treatment. Their monies must be

invested promptly and immediately in nationalised banks in terms of applicable policy. The amount should be invested in such of the banks which offer the highest rate of interest. We have no doubt that the Registry of both sides by now have learnt a lesson and from this matter onwards, they shall ensure that there is no room for any complaint by litigants.

6. Let all disciplinary measures and in terms of the earlier orders and directions be completed expeditiously. The procedure in such matters should be transparent, fair and reasonable. With these observations, we dispose of the civil application.

7. Needless to clarify that none of these orders shall in any manner prejudice the rights, remedies and contentions of the applicant. It is open for the applicant to adopt such legal proceedings, as it may be advised for seeking compensation / damages.

(A.K.MENON, J.)

(S.C.DHARMADHIKARI, J.)