

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 438 OF 2025**

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The Indian Express (P) Ltd. and ors. ...Petitioners

**Versus**

Mr. Pratap B. Sarnaik ...Respondent

Dr. Abhinav Chandrachud, a/w Amol Joshi, Pranit Kulkarni,  
Tejasvi Ghag i/b Poorvi Kamani, for the Petitioners.

**CORAM: N. J. JAMADAR, J.**

**DATED: 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

**PC:-**

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioners.
2. It seems that the learned Civil Judge has proceeded on an incorrect premise that the application for filing additional written statement was not accompanied by the additional written statement.
3. Issue notice to the respondent, for final disposal, returnable on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.
4. In addition to notice through Court, the petitioners are at liberty to serve the respondent by private service and file an affidavit of service.
5. In the meanwhile, there shall be an ad-interim relief in terms of prayer clause (c).

**[N. J. JAMADAR, J.]**