

Prajakta Vartak

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 5776 OF 2025**

M/s. Jayantilal Ambalal Chokshi @ Angadia ...Petitioner
Vs.
The Union of India ...Respondent

Mr. Sanjay Dubey with Mr. Aman Kothari and Mr. Hemant Kothari for the
Petitioner.
Mr Anil Yadav for the Respondent.

**CORAM: G. S. KULKARNI &
AARTI SATHE, JJ.
DATE: 15 APRIL 2026.**

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1. We have heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. This petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filed
praying for the following substantive reliefs:-

- a) To issue Rule and admit the present Writ Petition;
- b) To issue a writ of mandamus or a writ in the nature of
mandamus or any other appropriate writ, direction for the purpose of
refund the amount 57,39,900/- (Rupees fifty-seven lakhs and thirty-nine
thousand and nine hundred) which was seized from Petitioners along
with the interest of 12% p.a till passing of the orders in the present writ."

3. Learned counsel for the Revenue, on instructions, submits that the
petitioner has already been informed that, by submitting proof of identity, the
petitioner can collect the seized amount from the concerned officer of the
Department. The grievance of the petitioner is in regard to the interest which
would be due and payable to the petitioner from the date of seizure till the date of

return of the money.

4. In this view of the matter, we are of the opinion that since the Department is now ready and willing to return the seized amount in question, the petitioner needs to approach the concerned official on 22 April 2026 at 11.00 a.m. to receive the amount.

5. As regards the claim for interest, as asserted by the petitioner, is concerned, in our opinion, so far no application has been made to that effect. Let such application be made to the designated officer, praying for the interest amounts. If such application is filed within a period of two weeks from today, the same be decided in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, and in any event within a period of six weeks from the date of its filing. All contentions of the parties in that regard are expressly kept open.

6. The petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms. No costs.

(AARTI SATHE, J.)

(G. S. KULKARNI, J.)