IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

SUIT NO. 156 OF 2024

Mr. Prashant Mehta and anr. .... Plaintiffs
Vs.
HDFC Bank Limited and Ors. .... Defendants

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 4003 OF 2026
IN
SUIT NO. 156 OF 2024

Jagati Publications Ltd. .... Applicant
In the matter between :-
Mr. Prashant Mehta and anr. ..... Plaintiffs
Vs.
K. Ashar and Co., Mumbai and Ors. .... Defendants

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 5977 OF 2026
IN
SUIT NO. 156 OF 2024

Dilip Shantilal Shanghvi .... Applicant
In the matter between :-
Mr. Prashant Mehta and anr. ..... Plaintiffs
Vs.
H.D.F.C. Bank Ltd. and Ors. .... Defendants

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 5552 OF 2025
IN
SUIT NO. 156 OF 2024

HDFC Bank Limited .... Applicant
In the matter between :-
Mr. Prashant Mehta and anr. ..... Plaintiffs
Vs.
K. Ashar and Co., Mumbai and Ors. .... Defendants

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 3867 OF 2025
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 3878 OF 2025
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 3885 OF 2025
IN
SUIT NO. 156 OF 2024

Prashant Mehta and anr. .... Applicants
In the matter between :-
Mr. Prashant Mehta and anr. ..... Plaintiffs
Vs.

K. Ashar and Co., Mumbai and Ors. .... Defendants

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 1406 OF 2025
IN
SUIT NO. 156 OF 2024

Dilip Shantilal Shanghvi .... Applicant
In the matter between :-
Prashant Mehta and anr. .... Plaintiffs
Vs.
HDFC Bank Ltd. and Ors. .... Defendants

Mr. Mohit Jagiasi a/w. Mr. Darshil Shah and Mr. Rajesh Ranglani i/b. Mr. Monish Bhatia for the Plaintiffs.

Mr. Vikram Kamath i/b. Phoenix Legal for Defendant No.6 in Suit No.156 of 2024 and for the Applicant in IA/5552/2025.

Adv. Kriti Kalyani a/w. Mr. Chintan Gandhi i/b. Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. for Defendant Nos.7 to 10 and for the Applicant in IA/3238/2024.

Ms. Manisha Prajapati i/b. Mr. Dhiren Shah for Defendant Nos.16 and 18 in Suit No.156 of 2024.

Mr. Aarshad Shaikh, Sr. Advocate a/w. Mr. Netaji Gawde and Ms. Nidhi Bhoir i/b. M/s. Sanjay Udeshi and Co. for Defendant No.19 in Suit No.156 of 2024 and for the Applicant in IA/1406/2025 and in IA/5977/2026.

Mr. Neelanshu Roy i/b. Adv. Mayank Samuel for the Applicant in IA/4003/2026 and for Defendant No.24 in Suit No.156 of 2024.

CORAM: SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.
DATED : 6th OCTOBER, 2026

P.C. :-

Order in IA/4003/2026 and in IA/5977/2026 :-

1. Heard learned Counsel for the parties.

2. The Applicants (Original Defendant Nos.24 and 19) seek to condone the delay of 88 and 126 days, respectively, in filing their written statements and to recall the Orders dated 22.06.2026 and

21.07.2026 placing the Suit in the category of " Undefended Suits " against the said Defendants.

3. Considering the submissions made by the learned Counsel for the parties, the delay of 88 and 126 days in filing the written statements, is condoned, subject to payment of costs of Rs.5,000/- by each Defendant within one week from the date of uploading of the present Order on an Official website of this Court. The costs be paid in the following fund and the details of the bank account for payment of cost are as under :-

Saving Account Name	:-	Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF)
Bank Name	:-	Canara Bank Ltd. DoD, South Block
Branch Name	:-	South Block, Defence Headquarters, New Delhi – 110011.
S/v. Account Number	:-	90552010165915
IFSC Code	:-	CNRB0019055

3.1 Consequently, the Orders dated 22.06.2026 and 21.07.2026, stand recalled. Since the written statements are enclosed with the aforesaid Applications, the Registry to take the same on the record of the Suit.

4. IA/4003/2026 and IA/5977/2026 stand disposed of.

Order in S/156/2024 :-

5. List the Suit 'for Orders/directions' on **3rd November, 2026** at 3:00 p.m.

Order in IA/3238/2024, IA/1406/2025, IA/5977/2026 and in IA/5552/2025 :-

6. List the aforesaid Interim Applications 'for hearing' on **3rd November, 2026** at 3:00 p.m.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

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