



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.4427 OF 2025

Rafique Shamshuddin Mulla

...Petitioner

V/s.

M/s. IBN Lokmat News Private Limited

...Respondent

Mr. Arshad Shaikh, *Senior Advocate with Mr. Ranjit Agashe, Mr. Rajendra Jain, Ms. Vinsha Acharya i/b. Mr. Pranil Lahigade for the Petitioner.*

Mr. K.S. Bapat, *Senior Advocate with Mr. Kshitij Madekar, Ms. Melanie D'souza & Ms. Aditi Kambli i/b. M/s. A.S. Dayal & Associates for the Respondent.*

CORAM: SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.
DATED: 16 FEBRUARY 2026.

P.C.:

1) Mr. Shaikh, the learned Senior Advocate appearing for the Petitioner, on instructions, seeks leave of the Court to withdraw the Petition with liberty to approach the Central Government for making a Reference.

2) Reserving the liberty so prayed for, Petition is permitted to be withdrawn and **disposed of**.

3) Considering the fact that some time has already been spent on the issue of appropriate Government before the Labour Court, it is

appropriate that the request is made by the Petitioner for Reference before the Central Government is decided in an expeditious manner.

[SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.]