

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**  
**CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**Civil Appeal No(s). 5543-5544 of 2019**  
**@SLP(C) No. 16486-16487 of 2019**  
**(@ Diary No. 22198/2019)**

**State of Uttar Pradesh & Anr.**

**Appellant(s)**

**Versus**

**Lalit Verma & Anr.**

**Respondent(s)**

**ORDER**

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General of India submits that the inquiry has virtually been concluded and a period of three months is all that is necessary for the conclusion of the inquiry and for the submission of the final report.

We have perused the judgments of the High Court. We are of the view that the High Court was not justified in declining to exercise its discretion for the grant of an extension of time for the completion of the inquiry.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the first respondent submitted that the High Court had quashed the criminal proceedings on 9 February 2009. In our view, that by itself would not be material to the issue as to whether an extension of time should be granted. The domain of criminal proceedings and disciplinary proceedings is distinct.

Consequently, we allow the appeals and set aside the judgment and orders of the High Court dated 31 May 2018 and 22 May 2019.

Extension of time is granted to the appellants to conclude the disciplinary proceedings within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....**J.**  
**(Dr Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud)**

.....**J.**  
**(Aniruddha Bose)**

**New Delhi**  
**July 15, 2019**

ITEM NO.14

COURT NO.10

SECTION XI

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A**  
**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 22198/2019**

**(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 31-05-2018 in SB No. 16875/2018 22-05-2019 in CMA No. 58255/2019 passed by the High Court Of Judicature At Allahabad, Lucknow Bench)**

**THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH & ANR.**

**Petitioner(s)**

**VERSUS**

**LALIT VERMA & ANR.**

**Respondent(s)**

**(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.98840/2019-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No.98844/2019-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No.98843/2019-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES )**

**Date : 15-07-2019 This matter was called on for hearing today.**

**CORAM :**

**HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIRUDDHA BOSE**

**For Petitioner(s)**

**Mr. Tushar Mehta, SG**  
**Mr. Adarsh Upadhyay, AOR**  
**Mr. Vinod Shukla, Adv.**  
**Mr. Ajay Singh, Adv.**

**For Respondent(s)**

**Mr. Shivendra Singh, AOR**

**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following**  
**O R D E R**

**Delay condoned.**

**Leave granted.**

**The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.**

**Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.**

**(MANISH SETHI)**  
**COURT MASTER (SH)**

**(SAROJ KUMARI GAUR)**  
**BRANCH OFFICER**

**(Signed order is placed on the file)**