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

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 26 OF 2024

Sandeep S. Thakur

.. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

.. Respondents

Mr. Sandeep Thakur, petitioner-in-person, present.

Mr. P. P. Kakade, Government Pleader with Mr. O. A. Chandurkar, Addl. Govt. Pleader and Mrs. A. A. Nadkarni, AGP for respondent no.1.

Mr. Saket Mone a/w Mr. Devansh Shah i/by Vidhii Partners for respondent no.3.

Mr. Girish Godbole, Senior Advocate, with Mr. P. A. Kabadi and Ms. Anshita Sethi i/by DSK Legal for respondent no.4.

Mr. Chetan Kapadia, Senior Advocate with Mr. H. K. Sudhakara i/by M/s. HKS Legal Virakthi Hegde for respondent no.5.

Mr. Chetan Kapadia, Senior Advocate i/by Ms. Virakthi Hegde for respondent no.6.

Mr. Rahul Sarda i/by Ms. Atithi Abhay for respondent no.7.

**CORAM: DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA, CJ. &
ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.**

DATE: 4th MARCH, 2024

P.C.:

1. Issue notice to the respondents.
2. Learned Government Pleader puts in appearance on behalf of respondent no.1 and waives service of notice. Mr. Mone, learned counsel puts in appearance on behalf of

respondent no.3 and waives service of notice. Mr. Godbole, learned senior advocate puts in appearance on behalf of respondent no.4 and waives service of notice. Mr. Kapadia, learned senior advocate puts in appearance on behalf of respondent nos.5 and 6 waives service of notice. Mr. Sarda, learned counsel puts in appearance on behalf of respondent no.7 and waives service of notice.

3. Let affidavit-in-reply be filed by the respondents within four weeks. A week's time shall be available to the petitioner, who appears in person, to file rejoinder affidavit, if any.

4. Stand over to **15th April, 2024**.

(ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.)

(CHIEF JUSTICE)