

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

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.188 OF 2022

Shrihari S/o Anant Shidore ... Petitioner
Versus
Commissioner/Administrator ... Respondents

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.12742 OF 2025
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.188 OF 2022**

Manisha Palande ... Petitioner
Versus
Shrihari Anant Shidore & Ors. ... Respondents

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (ST) NO.35504 OF 2025
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.188 OF 2022**

V.V.P.R Engineer Pvt Ltd ... Applicant
Versus
Shailendra S/o Shirhari Shidore ... Respondent

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.12740 OF 2025
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.188 OF 2022**

Shrihari Anant Shidore & Ors. ... Applicants
Versus
Commissioner/Administrator ... Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.2651 OF 2025**

Raju Nanasaheb Chavan ... Petitioner
Versus
The State Of Maharashtra ... Respondent

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.16240 OF 2024**

GVPR Engineers Ltd Through
the Senior Manager Projects,
G. Mahender s/o Sri. G. Somla

...Applicant

Versus

Shrihari S/ Anant Shidore

... Respondent

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Mr.Shambhuraje Deshmukh, Amicus Curiae a/w. Mr. Amit Mukhedkar,
Advocates for the Petitioner (Through V.C.).

Mr.A. B. Girase, Government Pleader a/w. Mr.O.A.Chandurkar, Addl. GP
and Mrs. G. R. Raghuwanshi, AGP for the Respondent-State.

Mr.Rajendra Deshmukh, Senior Advocate i/by Mr. Vinod Patil & Mr. Amol
Vasmatkar, Advocate for Respondent No.6/MJP.

Mr. S. S. Toped, Advocate for Respondent No.4/Municipal Corporation.

Mr. R. N. Dhorde, Senior Advocate i/by Mr. Sanket N. Suryawanshi,
Advocate for Respondent No.15/Project Contractor.

Mr.Nitin Gaware Patil, Advocate for Respondent Nos.16 & 17 in
PIL/188/2022 & Applicant in IA/12742/2025.

Mr.S.B.Deshpande, Senior Advocate with Mr.Shreyas Deshpande and
Mr. D.P.Madkar i/b. Mr.D.S.Manorkar for the Respondent – NHAI.

Mr.S.S.Koche, Advocate for the Petitioner in WP No. 2651 of 2025.

Mr. Khaleel Ahmed, Sr. G.M., with Mr.Manoj Pathak, GM.,Project,
Mr.Mahendar G., AGM and Mr.Ashrith Reddy, Addtt. Director present.

Mr.G.Shreekanth, Municipal Commissioner, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar
(through VC) is present.

Ms.Manisha Palande, Chief Engineer, Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran (MJP) is present.

Mr.Amgouth Sri Ranga Naik, Member Secretary present in the Court.

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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
ABHAY J. MANTRI, JJ.**

DATE : FEBRUARY 20, 2026

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1. Pursuant to the order dated 18.02.2026, in today's hearing, the Member Secretary of the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran (MJP) and the Chief Engineer of MJP are present in the Court Hall. Mr. G. Shreekanth, the Municipal Commissioner of the Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Municipal Corporation, has also addressed us through video conferencing and has given us vital inputs.

2. After hearing the learned Senior Advocates, Mr. Dhorde and Mr. R.S.Deshmukh; the learned Government Pleader, Mr. Girase; the learned Advocate for the Municipal Corporation, Mr. Tope; the learned Amicus, Mr. Deshmukh from Aurangabad; and the other parties, it appears as on date that there are certain problems which are normally faced by any project of the magnitude of the one under construction for the distribution of water at Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, which has a population of around

18 lakh. There seems to be a common desire among all those involved in the project, to ensure that it proceeds at a quicker pace. The following are the difficulties that have been voiced before us:

- (a) Cleaning of the jackwell;
- (b) Repair of the staircase inside the jackwell and removal of a large staircase;
- (c) Cleaning of the jackwell floor and its surroundings;
- (d) The chairs supporting the 2500 mm pipelines from the Jayakwadi Dam to the city, over a distance of around 38 kms, need to be repaired at certain places as expeditiously as possible, though the damage is not substantial at this stage;
- (e) The designs submitted for the purpose of running the pipeline from Nath Seeds to Jubilee Park, at a segment of approximately 74 meters, need to be reviewed;
- (f) The drawings of the chairs intended to replace the gabion walls at the low-level MBRs, which drawings have already been tendered, need to be approved quickly in order to set the construction of the chairs in motion;

(g) At the Gravity Main, some scour valves are to be installed. The design of the scour valves, from the Pure Water Rising Main up to the MBR downwards, which is though not a part of the tender, will also have to be approved, as the Project Contractor is willing to get the work done;

(h) The pumping motors need to be attached to the foundation, which requires 4-inch nuts and bolts to secure them to the frame. The welding of two major connections and three minor connections, out of the ten connections for collecting water from the Pure Water Pump House, are still pending;

(i) Insofar as the laying of the pipes to the Pure Water Pump House is concerned, we direct that it shall be completed within three days from today. The Electrical Contractor present in Court has assured that this work will be carried out. Similarly, the process of attaching the water pumping motors on the foundation slab shall be completed within ten days.

3. The report, along with colour photographs, tendered in bound compilation form (44 pages), by the MJP, under the signatures of the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. G. Shreekanth, and the Chief Engineer of the MJP, Mrs. Palande, is taken on record and marked as ‘Y-110’ for

identification. The compilation of photographs tendered by the learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Dhorde, regarding the visit of the Municipal Commissioner to the site on 19.02.2026 (14 pages), is taken on record and marked as 'Y-111' for identification.

4. The learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Dhorde, has informed us that the Project Contractor will be in rediness to ensure that, whenever the MJP points out damages to the chairs supporting the pipes, the repair work can be carried out on war footing. The repairs of the staircase inside the Jackwell, the slab casting, and the cleaning of the surroundings will also be carried out on war footing.

5. Insofar as the crane is concerned, whose foundation is inside the Jackwell, we would appreciate it if the Project Contractor and the MJP Senior Officials, including the Chief Engineer, apply their minds and try to find a solution either for the removal of the crane and its substitution with a Pre-Engineered Building (PEB), or if there is any other technically sound option available.

6. We have requested the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. G. Shreekanth, to prepare a short note on the immediate issues that need to be

addressed, including the difficulties or structural problems in the chairs balancing the pipes, and other issues with regard to damage perception and to place the said note before the Court on the next date.

7. All the learned Senior Advocates, all advocates and the parties pray that this Court should visit the site at the earliest, as like the 3 visits made in the past 2 years. This request can be considered in the next hearing.

8. We would appreciate if the Member Secretary and the Chief Engineer of the MJP would remain present even in the next hearing. We make the same request to the Municipal Commissioner to remain present in the hearing on the next date.

9. We are listing this PIL, in view of the request of the parties, at **4.30 pm on 26.02.2026.**

(ABHAY J.MANTRI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)