

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

WRIT PETITION NO.9921 OF 2018

ALONG WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3712 OF 2020

Sanjay Mhatre and Ors. .. Petitioners

Vs.

Union of India,

Through Ministry of Law & Justice and Ors. .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.876 OF 2023

M.A. Fahim Kadar and Anr. .. Petitioners

Vs.

Sumit Kumar and Ors. .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.1019 OF 2024

Chandra Prabha K. and Ors. .. Petitioners

Vs.

Union of India and Ors. .. Respondents

Mr. R.R. Shetty, Senior Advocate, with Ms. Suma N. Kudapali, i/by Ramesh Tripathi & Associates, for the Petitioners in WP/876/2023.

Mr. Kedar Gaikwad, i/by Mr. Rahul Walia, Advocates for the Petitioners in WP/1019/2024.

Mr. Ashok D. Shetty with Mr. Rui Rodrigues and Mr. P. Khosla, Advocates for Respondent-UoI in WP/876/2023.

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**CORAM : SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ. &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

DATE : 2ND APRIL 2026.

P.C. :

At the request of Mr. R.R. Shetty, the learned senior counsel for the petitioners in Writ Petition No.876 of 2023, post this matter on 23rd April 2026.

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]