

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.4531 OF 2025

Pradnya Prasad Joshi

....Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

....Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 9486 OF 2025
IN

WRIT PETITION NO.4531 OF 2025

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 4544 OF 2025

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 4533 OF 2025

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 4532 OF 2025

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 4539 OF 2025

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 7406 OF 2025
IN

WRIT PETITION NO. 4539 OF 2025
WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4537 OF 2025
WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4534 OF 2025
WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4535 OF 2025
WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4538 OF 2025
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WRIT PETITION NO. 4536 OF 2025
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WRIT PETITION NO. 4564 OF 2025
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WRIT PETITION NO. 4566 OF 2025
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WRIT PETITION NO. 4569 OF 2025
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WRIT PETITION NO. 4567 OF 2025
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 4570 OF 2025
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 4572 OF 2025
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 4904 OF 2025

Mr. Suresh Pakale, Senior Advocate, a/w Mr. Nilesh Desai i/b. Ms. Padmaja Malgaonkar, Advocate for the Petitioners in WP/4531/2025, WP/4532/2025, WP/4533/2025, WP/4534/2025, WP/4535/2025, WP/4536/2025, WP/4537/2025, WP/4538/2025, WP/4539/2025, WP/4544/2025 and WP/4904/2025.

Mr. Aniruddha A. Garge i/b. Mr. Kashyap Bhalerao, Advocate for the Petitioners in WP/4564/2025, WP/4566/2025, WP/4567/2025, WP/4569/2025, WP/4570/2025 and WP/4572/2025.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. GP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4531/2025.

Mr. B.V. Samant, Addl. GP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4544/2025.

Mr. M.M. Pabale, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4533/2025.

Ms. P.M.J. Deshpande, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4532/2025.

Ms. Priyanka Chavan, AGP, for the Respondent-State in AGP WP/4539/2025.

Mr. S.P. Kamble, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4537/2025.

Mr. A.K. Naik, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4534/2025.

Mr. V.G. Badgujar, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4535/2025.

Ms. N.M. Mehra, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4538/2025.

Mr. S.H. Kankal, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4536/2025.

Ms. Tanu Bhatia, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4564/2025.

Ms. Pooja Patil, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4566/2025.

Mr. K.S. Thorat, 'B' Panel Advocate, for the Respondent-State in WP/4569/2025.

Ms. Priyanka Chavan, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4567/2025.

Ms. P.N. Diwan, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4569/2025.

Ms. D.S. Deshmukh, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4567/2025.

Mr. A.C. Bhadang, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4570/2025.

Ms. Gauri Raghuwanshi, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4572/2025.

Ms. Pooja Patil, AGP, for the Respondent-State in WP/4904/2025.

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

DATE : 23rd FEBRUARY, 2026

P.C. :-

1. The learned Additional Government Pleader submits, on instructions, that the State is considering a change in the Special Counsel for the State of Maharashtra. The said file of the State Government is being processed by the Law and Judiciary Department, and the decision is likely to be formalized soon. Hence, has mentioned this matter, out of turn at 11:00 am, mentioning time. He seeks an adjournment.

2. Considering that a new Counsel is being appointed and he would require time to go through the voluminous record, list this Petition on **4th May, 2026 at 3:00 pm**, in the same category, on request.

3. Mr. Aniruddha A. Garge, the learned Advocate for the Petitioners in Writ Petition No.4564 of 2025, Writ Petition No. 4566 of 2025, Writ Petition No.4567 of 2025, Writ Petition No. 4569 of 2025, Writ Petition No. 4570 of 2025, and Writ Petition No. 4572 of 2025, submits that his Clients are receiving only Rs. 20,000/-, and he appeals to the State Government to increase the

said amount at par with the other Petitioners. We would appreciate if the State considers the said request.

4. By consent, the interim order passed earlier shall continue to operate till 30th June, 2026,

(ABHAY J. MANTRI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)