



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.8622 OF 2025

IN

WRIT PETITION NO.14456 OF 2024

Jaideep MaratheApplicant

In the Matter in Between:

Jaideep MarathePetitioner

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

Mr. Ketan A. Dhavle, for the Applicant/Petitioner.

Ms. Vrishali B. Raje, AGP, for the Respondent No.1-State.

Dr. Amol B. Bhusare, MBBS, DMP, Class-1, Psychiatrist Regional Mental Hospital, Thane is present.

CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE &

DR. NEELA GOKHALE, JJ.

DATE : 7st AUGUST 2025

P.C.:-

1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner.
2. By this Petition, the Petitioner-a friend of Vaibhav Sathe seeks appointment of a suitable guardian and property manager of Vaibhav Sathe, who according to the Petitioner, is suffering from schizophrenia as there are no family members/immediate relatives to look after and care for him. The Petitioner as a friend of Vaibhav

Sathe has filed this Petition out of concern for Mr. Sathe. Vide order dated 7th November 2024, a Medical Board was constituted to examine Mr. Vaibhav Sathe. Accordingly, the Dean of Mental Hospital, Thane was requested to constitute a Medical Board and submit a report to this Court. It appears that the Medical Board at that time could not examine Vaibhav Sathe as there was none to take Vaibhav Sathe to the Mental Hospital, Thane. Hence, vide order dated 30th July 2025, we asked the Medical Board to seek assistance of the local police to accompany the Board. The Petitioner was also requested to accompany the said Medical Board, if possible.

3. It appears that the Medical Board, Mental Hospital at Thane, visited the residence of Mr. Sathe and examined him. Learned AGP has tendered a report pertaining to Vaibhav Sathe issued by the Mental Hospital, Thane dated 5th August 2025. From the said report, it appears that five doctors from the Psychiatry Department examined Vaibhav Sathe and recommended that Vaibhav Sathe requires immediate admission at the Regional Mental Hospital ('RMS'), Thane for further treatment and evaluation. In the recommendation, the Committee has stated that with appropriate judicial direction, the

patient could be admitted to RMS, Thane. To the said report are annexed photographs of the condition in which Vaibhav Sathe is living presently in the house. It appears that the kitchen is non-functional and there is garbage lying all over the house.

4. In this view of the matter, we deem it appropriate to direct the Secretary, DLSA as well as a responsible officer from the Collector's office to visit Vaibhav Sathe's house tomorrow, i.e., 8th August 2025 at 11:00 a.m. along with the Petitioner, so as to enable them to take Vaibhav Sathe to the RMS, Thane. The concerned police from Naupada Police Station to accompany the parties in plain clothes. A representative from the Collector's office as well as the Secretary, DLSA to prepare an inventory of the articles in the house of Vaibhav Sathe. They will ensure that the house is cleaned through some persons/house keeping agency and sealed. The keys of the flat in question to be kept in the safe custody by the Collector, Thane.

5. The said order to be communicated by the learned AGP as well as by the Secretary, Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority ('MSLSA') to the Collector, Thane, the Secretary, DLSA, Thane, and the Police Inspector, Naupada Police Station, Thane, forthwith, to

enable them to comply with the same latest by 11:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

6. We appreciate and laud the efforts taken by the Petitioner, a friend of Vaibhav Sathe, in ensuring that his friend Vaibhav Sathe gets appropriate treatment and is taken care of. Its heartening to note that such people exist.

7. Stand over to **13th August 2025**, on the supplementary board.

8. In the meantime, the Secretary, DLSA as well as the the Collector Office, Thane to take instructions with respect to the following bank accounts standing in the name of Vaibhav Sathe and his parents:

- (i) Bank of Baroda, A/c. No.04240100000111, Sudhakar Dattatraya Sathe & Sunita Sudhakar Sathe.
- (ii) Bank of Baroda, A/c. No.04240100002025, Vaibhav S. Sathe & Sudhakar Dattatraya Sathe.
- (iii) TJSB, A/c. 003110100036219, Sathe Sudhakar Dattatraya & Sathe Sunita Sudhakar.

- (iv) Thane Bharat Sahakari Bank, A/c. 002115000026126, Sathe Sudhakar Dattatraya & Sathe Sunita Sudhakar. Aadhar - # 4477 7108 6257.
- (v) One account in Cosmos Bank, Gokhale Road, Thane (West) in the name of Vaibhav Sathe.

9. The Secretary, DLSA as well as the responsible officer from the Collector Office, Thane to take details of the other property owned by Vaibhav Sathe, i.e., 103, Navgeeta Co-operative Housing Society, Ramnagar, Naupada, Thane. If the flat is found vacant and standing in the name of Vaibhav Sathe, the said flat be sealed by the concerned authority after taking the necessary inventory.

10. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.) (REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.)