

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 7628 of 2026

XYZ .. Petitioner
Versus
State of Maharashtra through the .. Respondents
Chief Secretary and ors
...

Ms. Shaila Kanthe with Mr.Siddheshwar Biradar for the petitioner.
Smt. P.G. Gavhane, AGP for the State.

CORAM : BHARATI DANGRE &
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ
DATED : 19th JUNE, 2026.

PC:-

1 The petitioner, a 21 year old unmarried girl, seek approval from this Court to terminate the unwanted pregnancy of 24 weeks 4 days (as on 8/6/2026), as she submit that she is not desirous of continuing with the same. Exercising her right to safeguard the privacy of procreation, motherhood and child-bearing, as guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, she has approached this Court along with the report from Grant Government Medical College and Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals, where the Department of Radiology has reported about the presence of a single, live, intra-uterine, gestation of mean gestational age 24 weeks 4 days with no gross lethal congenital anomaly.

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2 In the wake of the aforesaid pleading in the petition, we deem it appropriate to refer the petitioner to be examined by the Medical Board of the J.J. Group of Hospitals, so as to express their opinion about the health of the mother and foetus, so as to enable us to consider the request for termination of the pregnancy; since the permissible limit under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 has already been crossed.

The Medical Board in the J.J. Group of Hospital shall get the petitioner examined by the Medical Board and it shall furnish it's report to this Court on 22/6/2026.

We direct the petitioner to report to the hospital today itself.

We also request Mrs.Gavhane, the learned Government Advocate to communicate this order to the Superintendent, J.J. Group of Hospitals, so that steps can be taken for examining the petitioner.

Re-notify to 22/6/2026.

(MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J)

(BHARATI DANGRE, J.)