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

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 133 OF 2007
WITH
CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 59 OF 2008
AND
CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 57 OF 2018
AND
CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 56 OF 2018
AND
CIVIL APPLICATION (ST) NO. 35428 OF 2013**

Dr. Rajendra Sadanand Burma & Anr. ...Petitioners

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

**WITH
CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 87 OF 2009
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 133 OF 2007**

Bandu Sampatrao Sane ...Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

**WITH
CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 175 OF 2014
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 133 OF 2007**

Malgaonkar Bhushan Pandurang ...Applicant

V/s.

Dr. Rajendra Sadanand Burma & Anr. ...Respondents

Dr. Uday Warunjikar for the petitioner in WP/3589/2011.

Mr. P. P. Kakade, Government Pleader with Mr. M. M. Pabale, AGP for respondent nos.1 to 4/State.

Mr. Y. R. Mishra with Mr. N. R. Prajapati for respondent no. 6/Union of India.

Dr. Ashish Satav, representative of NGO is present through video conferencing.

CORAM: DIPANKAR DATTA, CJ & M. S. KARNIK, J.

DATE: JULY 14, 2022

P.C.:

1. We are informed by Mr. Kakade, learned Government Pleader appearing for the State that in deference to the order dated 4th July 2022 passed by this Court, a meeting on virtual platform was arranged on 6th July 2022 which was attended, *inter alia*, by representatives of seventeen (17) departments of the Government. It is also submitted by Mr. Kakade that suggestions have been received from the petitioners as well as various groups interested in the well-being of the tribal people of Melghat and that three (3) weeks' time is required for the purpose of considering which of the suggestions merit implementation and which are non-implementable.

2. As prayed for, we grant the State time to consider the suggestions with an open mind and to ensure that the same are implemented to the extent possible. This would obviously require a close coordination amongst all seventeen (17)

departments of the Government. No stone should be left unturned by all these departments to act cohesively with a view to promoting the best interest of the tribal people.

3. We require the Government to place before us, on the adjourned date, a report on affidavit indicating which of the suggestions received from the petitioners/non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have been implemented till date, which are in the process of being implemented, and which may not be implemented for reasons that ought to be indicated in such report.

4. This report on affidavit that we are calling upon the State to place must also take into consideration the report of Dr. Chhering Dorje and there must be clear indication as to how and in what manner the recommendations made by Dr. Dorje in his report have been implemented till date.

5. List this PIL petition on **11th August 2022 (high on board)**).

(M. S. KARNIK, J.)

(CHIEF JUSTICE)

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