



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 15572 OF 2025

Birendra Rawat

....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & Anr.

....Respondents

Mr. Diptendu Bose a/w. Mr. Ajinkya Patil a/w. Mr. Shubham N. Patil a/w. Mr. Darpan Gupta, for the Petitioner.
Mr. P. P. Kakade, Addl. GP. a/w. Ms. G. R. Raghuwanshi, AGP for Respondent No. 5/State.
Mr. Ram Ochhani a/w. Ms. Mamta Omle, for Respondent Nos. 1 to 4.

CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
ABHAY J. MANTRI, JJ.
DATE : 18th FEBRUARY, 2026

P.C. :-

1. If the pleadings and submissions of the learned Advocate for the Petitioner are to be believed, we are constrained to record that the Petitioner, who is an entity that resorted to the CPGRAMS, a mechanism for exposing GST evasion and whose identity was required to be kept confidential until the award amount was computed and paid, now stands exposed, having been compelled to file this Petition due to non-receipt of the award amount for over eight years.



2. We, therefore, direct the Registry to conceal the name of the Petitioner in the entire record of the High Court as well as in the physical copy of the Petition and all orders passed by this Court in this Petition. **The Petitioner shall hereafter be identified by as ‘Mr XYZ’**. The learned Advocate for the Petitioner shall assist the Registry in implementing this direction.

3. Leave to add Shri R. K. Mishra, former Commissioner, GST, Belapur, whose address shall be furnished by the learned Advocate appearing on behalf of Respondent Nos. 1 to 4, within 5 days. The addition shall be carried out within five days. If the address is not furnished by the learned Advocate for the Respondents to the learned Advocate for Mr XYZ, within five working days, the Petitioner is permitted to add Shri R. K. Mishra as Respondent No. 6, to be served through Respondent No. 2.

4. **Issue notice to the Respondents**, returnable on **26th March, 2026**. The learned Advocate, Mr. Ochhani, appears on behalf of the Respondent Nos. 1 to 4. The learned Additional Government Pleader appears on behalf of Respondent No. 5.



5. Let the Respondents file their Affidavit-in-Reply at least seven days prior to the returnable date.

6. We direct that the Respondents shall also refrain from mentioning the name of the Petitioner in their replies and shall refer to him as ‘Mr XYZ.’

7. Considering the conspectus of the matter, **list this Petition in the ‘Urgent Supplementary Board’**, on the returnable date.

(ABHAY J. MANTRI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)