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

***WRIT PETITION NO. 16406 OF 2023***

Savita Rishikesh Samant and Ors. ... Petitioners

V/s.

Union of India and Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Ramakant D. Patil for the Petitioners

Mr. Mohamedali M. Chunawala for Respondent No.1 – UOI

Mr. M.M. Pabale, AGP for Respondent Nos. 2 and 3

***CORAM : NITIN JAMDAR &  
M.M. SATHAYE, JJ.***

***DATE : 05 FEBRUARY 2024***

**P.C. :-**

On 4 January 2024 a detailed order was passed. The learned AGP informs that the contract of the Petitioners which was to expire on 30 March 2024 is now extended till March 2026 with the approval of the Central Government.

2. As regard the reply of the Union of India is concerned, we had directed the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Department to give necessary instructions to their

department for filing a reply. The learned Counsel for the Union of India states that only e-mail is sent and reply cannot be filed because there is no response from the Ministry.

3. We note that the e-mail is sent by one Manish Raj, Under Secretary to the Government of India. We place the responsibility on Mr. Manish Raj to ensure that the reply affidavit is filed on behalf of the Union of India before the next date.

4. Stand over to **2 April 2024**.

5. The learned Counsel for the Union of India states that copy of this order would be sent to the concerned Under Secretary.

*M.M. SATHAYE, J.*

*NITIN JAMDAR, J.*