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

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 188 OF 2022

Shrihari S/o Anant Shidore ... Petitioner
Versus
The Commissioner/Administrator ... Respondent

**ALONGWITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (ST) NO. 30644 OF 2025
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 188 OF 2022**

Manisha Palande D/o Mohan Palande ...Applicant/
Intervener

IN THE MATTER BETWEEN

Shrihari S/o Anant Shidore & Ors. ...Petitioners
Versus
The Commissioner/Administrator & Ors. ...Respondents

**ALONGWITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 2651 OF 2025**

Raju Nanasaheb Chavan ... Petitioner
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ... Respondent

**ALONGWITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 16240 OF 2024**

GVPR Engineers Ltd.
Through the Senior Manager Projects
G. Mahender S/o Sri. G. Somla ... Applicant
Versus
Shrihari S/o Anant Shidore ... Respondent

Mr. Shambhuraje Deshmukh, Amicus Curiae a/w Mr. Amit Mukhedkar,
Advocate for the Petitioner (Through V.C.).

Mr. A.B. Girase, Government Pleader (Through V.C.) a/w Smt. G.R. Raghuwanshi, AGP, Smt. Priyanka Chavan, AGP for the Respondent/ State.

Mr. Rajendra Deshmukh, Senior Advocate h/f Mr.Vinod Patil & Mr.Amol Vasmatkar, Advocate for Respondent No.6.

Mr. S.S. Tope, Advocate for Respondent No.4./Municipal Corporation (Through V.C.).

Mr. R.N. Dhorde, Senior Advocate i/by Mr. S.N. Suryawanshi, Advocate for Respondent No.15.

Ms. Manisha Palande, Chief Engineer, MJP, Chh. Sambhaji Nagar, present (Through V.C.)

Mr. Dipendra Korade, Executive Engineer present in the Court.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND
ASHWIN D. BHOBE, JJ.**

DATE : 3rd OCTOBER, 2025

P.C. :

HIGH COURT CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE

1. The Learned Government Pleader Shri.Girase has placed on record the Minutes of the Meeting of the High Court Constituted Committee (HCCC) held on 25th September 2025, with a covering letter dated 1st October, 2025 (1 + 48 Pages). The same are taken on record and collectively marked as 'X-66' for identification. He has drawn our attention to the entire contents of the report. Having verified the said report, we find that the work is progressing despite certain impediments,

especially on account of the act of the nature in view of unprecedented heavy rain fall in the Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar region even until the end of September, 2025.

2. The project contractor was tendered a progress report dated 3rd October 2025 (48 Pages). The same is marked as **‘Y-92’** for identification. The said compilation consists of several large sized colour print outs of pictures. One such picture dated 29th September, 2025 at Page No.6 of Y-92, reflects the aerial view of the Jackwell. Considering incessant rains and huge accumulation of the back waters in the Jayakwadi project, the Jackwell is at the verge of being submerged. Despite the same, the project contractor is progressing with the work without any break or pause.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT

3. In so far as the tragic death of a child aged three and half years, due to water having clogged in a dug out pit meant for sinking of 2500 mm pipes, has led the parents of the deceased in issuing a legal notice through Advocates, dated 29th September, 2025. The same is shown to us wherein the parents are now claiming Rs. 30 Lakhs towards compensation. The MJP as well as the project contractor submit that a sum of Rs. 7 Lakhs was offered considering the child was three and half

years old and had come out of his house during heavy rains and unfortunately slipped into an open pit. They submit that this matter will now be litigated considering the demand of the parents of the deceased.

4. The learned Senior Counsel Shri.Deshmukh appearing for the MJP has tendered an additional affidavit dated 3rd October, 2025 from Page Nos.167 to 333, which is in response to the affidavit of the project contractor dated 31st July, 2025.

UNPAID BILLS OF THE CONTRACTOR

5. Before closing the matter, the learned Senior Advocate Shri.Dhorde representing the project contractor, has made a grievance about unpaid bills. He has been fair in stating that despite a huge amount of unpaid bills, the contractor has not stopped the work. According to the calculations of the contractor, excluding the routine payments made, the extra work done by the contractor amounts to Rs.120 Crores. Whenever the MJP directed the contractor to perform a particular job which was beyond the terms of the contract, the contractor did not hesitate and without demanding payment in advance, has carried out the said work. Now, the outstanding bills for the extra work is almost Rs.120 Crores. Rs.30 Crores are towards the running costs. The extra work done by the

contractor has been certified by the MJP. Certain bills have been raised in February 2025. Regretfully, Shri. Dhorde submits, that considering the stiff financial situation, the contractor was compelled, though reluctantly, to mention this matter before the Court today.

6. We are informed that the regular meeting of the High Court Constituted Committee is scheduled on 10th October 2025.

7. To be fair to the project contractor, we direct that a special meeting of the High Court Constituted Committee for the purpose of settling the bills of the project contractor, shall be held at 2.00 p.m. on 8th October, 2025. The regular bi-monthly meeting shall be held on 9th October, 2025. We are arranging for a short hearing in this matter on 10th October, 2025 only for considering the grievance of the outstanding bills of the project contractor.

8. The Learned Government Pleader Shri. Girase submits that the State Government would ensure to clear the bills of the project contractor and he would take instructions before making a statement before the High Court Constituted Committee on 8th October, 2025.

9. List this PIL on 10th October, 2025 at 3.00 p.m.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)