

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
Commissioner/Administrator ... Respondents

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**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.12742 OF 2025
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.188 OF 2022**

Manisha Palande ... Petitioner
Versus
Shrihari Anant Shidore & Ors. ... Respondents

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (ST) NO.35504 OF 2025
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.188 OF 2022**

G.V.P.R.Engineer Pvt Ltd. ... Applicant
Versus
Shailendra S/o Shirhari Shidore ... Respondent

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.12740 OF 2025
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.188 OF 2022**

Shrihari Anant Shidore & Ors. ... Applicants
Versus
Commissioner/Administrator ... Respondents

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

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

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

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

...Applicant

... Respondent

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

Mr. A. B. Girase, Government Pleader a/w. Mr. O.A.Chandurkar, Addl. GP
and Mrs. G. R. Raghuwanshi, AGP for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Rajendra Deshmukh, Senior Advocate i/by Mr. Vinod Patil & Mr.
Amol Vasmatkar, Advocate for Respondent No.6/MJP.

Mr. S. S. Tope, Advocate for Respondent No.4/Municipal Corporation.

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

Mr. Nitin Gaware Patil, Advocate for Respondent Nos.16 & 17 in
PIL/188/2022 & Applicant in IA/12742/2025.

Mr. S.B.Deshpande, Senior Advocate with Mr.Shreyas Deshpande and Mr.
D.P.Madkar i/b. Mr.D.S.Manorkar for the Respondent – NHAI.

Mr. S.G. Karlekar, for the SAPL-VC (Joint Venture), present.

Ms. Manisha Palande, Chief Engineer, Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran
(MJP), present.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
ABHAY MANTRI, JJ.**

DATE : 7th MARCH, 2026

P.C:

1. The learned Advocate Mr. Tope representing the Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Municipal Corporation, has tendered a compilation of 14 pages which contain the inspection report dated 7th March, 2026 submitted by the Municipal Commissioner with regard to the visit conducted on 6th March, 2026 in the backdrop of the order of this Court 26th February, 2026. The said compilation is collectively marked as **‘Y-116’** for identification. He has taken us through the details of the said report and he submits in view of the confidence expressed by the Municipal Commissioner that the conclusions under various heads can be taken to a logical end.

2. Shri Tope further points out on the basis of a chart of the hearings in this proceeding prepared by him, that this is the **212th hearing of this matter.**

3. Shri R.S. Deshmukh, the learned Senior Advocate representing the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran (**‘MJP’**) has tendered a compilation of communications and photographs (11 pages) which are taken on record and collectively marked as **‘Y-117’** for identification. The first page below Y-117 is a communication by the Executive Engineer

(Mechanical) addressed to the Chief Engineer of the MJP Regional Division. The details in the said communication dated 6th September, 2026 contain the mention of various stages which have been completed over the week from 28th February, 2026 till 6th March, 2026 as regards Jayakwadi Pump House location and Nakshatrawadi Pump House location. With regard to the partial commissioning of 200 MLD water supply per day, three major points are set out with relation to Siphon arrangement at Headwork, for Jayakwadi Headwork Pump House and for Nakshatrawadi Water Treatment Plant ('WTP').

4. Learned Senior Advocate Shri Dhorde has tendered a compilation of 129 pages along with an index with description of the documents. The same is marked as '**Y-118**' for identification. He has taken us through various aspects of the details of various works under the project at different segments and stages. In so far as the Chairs being constructed for the pipeline from low level MBR to the old MBR and to be connected to 16 Elevated Storage Reservoirs, the contractor is confident that the farthest point in the construction of the said Chairs would require around one and half months.

5. Shri Deshmukh submits on instruction that the designs

pertaining the chairs submitted by GVPR are accepted by MJP. Shri Dhorde has conveyed to us the details of the consultation had with an expert organization from Nagpur. Based on two suggestions, several steps have been initiated. He submits that the repairing of the Chairs at the Jack Well segment would be completed within 10 days. The project contractor is confident that the pumping of water in order to clean up 2500 mm diameter pipeline from Jayakwadi dam onwards can commence from 19th March, 2026 on the occasion of Gudhipadwa. According to him, by the time the water flows inside the pipeline to reach the first scour valve, which has to be kept open to drain out the entire slush from inside the pipeline, would take quite some time. After the first segment is cleaned up, the scour valve is closed and the scour valve at the next segment is opened so that the water would drain out the slush from the second valve. This requires around 5-6 cycles up to the WTP. Once it is cleaned up, the water can be poured in to WTP for purification. This would require around 8-10 days. During this entire time span, the new Chairs for the pipeline could be made ready.

6. We are informed that the High Court Constituted Committee ('HCCC') would be meeting on 11th March, 2026. Since the MJP and the project contractor need to carry out an inspection in the light

of the works to be done as noted above, before the pumping of the water of 200 MLD would commence in the process of cleaning of the pipelines from 19th March, 2026, the parties would inspect the site on **16th March, 2026 between 7.00 am to 12.00 noon**, approximately. Let such inspection be carried out in the presence of the Municipal Commissioner along with the Chairperson of the MJP and the Senior officers of GVPR project contractor. Let the report prepared by the Municipal Commissioner be placed before the Court on 17th March, 2026 at 3.00 pm.

7. Stand over to **17th March, 2026 at 3.00 p.m.**

(ABHAY MANTRI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)