

**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

**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	...Applicant
Versus	
Shrihari S/ Anant Shidore	... Respondent

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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/b. 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/b. Mr. Sanket N. Suryawanshi,
Advocate for Respondent No.15/Project Contractor.

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
(Through VC).

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

DATE : APRIL 10, 2026

P.C:

1. The learned Government Pleader, who is present in the Court
Hall, in this 215th hearing in this matter, tenders a compilation (1 + 39

pages). The first page is a covering letter dated 09.04.2026, and the Minutes of the Meeting of the High Court Constituted Committee (HCCC) dated 01.04.2026 are presented to the Court. The said compilation is marked as 'X-78' for identification.

2. The learned Government Pleader, Mr. Girase, and the learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Deshmukh, who represents the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran (MJP), have drawn our attention to the contents of the joint visit report dated 31.03.2026 from page 11 (X-78) onwards. The inspection was held at Nakshatrawadi, 392 MLD Water Treatment Plant (WTP), on 31.03.2026.

3. The learned Senior Advocates/Advocates/Amicus Curiae and the officers of various Departments whose names are mentioned in the said report at page 11 (X-78), have identified several issues which need to be dealt with by the Project Contractor, GVPR, as well as the Electro Mechanical Works Contractor, namely, M/s. Mahavir Hydro and Pluto.

4. We need not reproduce the contents or the details of the joint visit. We are referring to certain following aspects which have been specifically brought to our notice that require some attention :-

(a) Insofar as Flash Mixer-1 is concerned, it is informed that M/s. Mahavir Hydro and Pluto would be performing the said task. As regards Filter House No. 1, the report indicates the statement of GVPR representatives that RCC slab work would be commenced by 06.04.2026 and would be completed within a period of approximately 3 months. We are informed that the work has already commenced on 06.04.2026.

(b) As regards recirculation Sump-01, M/s. Mahavir Hydro has been instructed to transport and erect the recirculation pump, and the 600 mm diameter RCC NP-2 class drainage pipeline, connecting to the made-up nallah, would also be completed at the earliest.

5. The learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Dhorde, representing the Project Contractor, submits that this is extra work which is beyond the scope of the contract; yet the work has been commenced by the Project Contractor. On pages 13 and 14 of X-78, the balance work summary of the WTP is set out.

6. The learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Dhorde, submits that the pumping activity has been halted for the last two days on account of one additional scour valve, that was installed at Dhorkin segment, had burst

due to pressure. The water pumping has been stopped for two days.

7. The learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Deshmukh, submits that water pumping would be commenced the day after tomorrow, as the work of replacing and installing a new scour valve is underway and would be completed by tomorrow so as to recommence the pumping of water on 12.04.2026.

8. A compilation of colour photographs (7 pages) is tendered to the Court by the learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Deshmukh, on behalf of the MJP, which is marked as 'Y-120' for identification.

9. All the learned Senior Advocates/Advocates/AGP are extremely hopeful and confident that the cleaning of the pipeline by flushing out water and slush through the scour valves, would be completed in around 15 days from today, and that the water would reach the WTP. If the parties coordinate in the same way as they are coordinating today, all of them are highly optimistic that water from the WTP could be pumped on 01.05.2026, which is an auspicious occasion for the State of Maharashtra, it being '**Maharashtra Day**'. All of them agree that there are a few challenges, but not of such magnitude that they cannot be overcome.

10. The learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Dhorde, adds that pumping of the water has covered a distance of 36 kms out of 38 kms, and there has been only one leakage, which has also been rectified. He further submits that recirculation pumps-one and two, and manifold installation, by MJP will have to be done. Backwash pump installation will also have to be done by MJP. The Project Contractor expects MJP to complete this work within a period of 15 days.

11. Mr. Deshmukh, the learned Senior Advocate representing the MJP, submits, on instructions, that an endeavour would be made to complete the work as early as possible. The maximum time that may be required would be around 15 days.

12. Mr. Tope, the learned Advocate for the Corporation, submits that the new Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Amol Yedge, has taken charge on 05.04.2026, Sunday. He has immediately visited the entire project on 06.04.2026. He is committed to rendering fullest assistance in this project on behalf of the Corporation and is willing to go the extra mile to ensure that there is no delay, and that the desired pumping of water from the WTP would be achieved by 01.05.2026.

13. The Project Contractor as well as the concerned authorities submit that it is necessary that the water should reach the MBR prior to 01.05.2026, in order to commence the flow of water by siphoning scheme/gravitational force. **A siphoning method is an effective way of transferring water from a higher level to a lower level without using a pump, relying on gravity and atmospheric pressure.**

14. We are informed that the next meeting of the HCCC is scheduled on 23.04.2026.

15. With the concurrence of the parties, list these proceedings at **3.00 p.m. on 27.04.2026.**

(ABHAY MANTRI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)