

**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 (through VC) along with
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
(through VC).

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).

Ms.Manisha Palande, Chief Engineer, MJP is present (through VC).

Mr.Subhash Tambe, Addl.GP is present (through VC).

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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
HITEN S.VENEGAVKAR, JJ.**

DATE : APRIL 27, 2026

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1. This is the 216th hearing in these matters.
2. The learned Addl.GP, Mr. Subhash Tambe, participated in the hearing today through video conferencing, along with Mr. Girase, learned Govt. Pleader, Aurangabad Bench.
3. The report of the High Court Constituted Committee (HCCC), with reference to the meeting dated 23.04.2026 (55 pages), along with a covering letter dated 24.04.2026, is produced on record. The said report is marked as 'X-79' for identification.
4. The learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Deshmukh, representing the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran (MJP), has placed before us a compilation of colour photographs (12 pages). The same is taken on record and marked as 'Y-121' for identification.
5. **Interim Application No. 12742 of 2025**, filed by the Chief Engineer of the MJP, in peculiar circumstances, **stands disposed off** in light of the earlier orders. Needless to state that the officers associated with this project, are continuing with this project under the directions of this Court.

In the event the State desires to make any changes, the State would seek permission of this Court. In the given circumstances, this Court would modify the earlier orders with regard to the continuation of any officer with this project.

6. The learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Dhorde, has placed before us, a compilation of documents (pages 1 to 209, 300 to 309, and 400 to 616). Some pages are missing (210-299 and 310-399). The entire compilation is taken on record and marked as 'Y-122' for identification. Y-122 pertains to the grievance of the Project Contractor regarding payments not being cleared in time and pending with the MJP.

7. The learned Advocate, Mr. Tope, representing the Municipal Corporation, submits that an amount of Rs. 166 crores plus, has already been transferred to the MJP out of Rs. 822 crores allocated to the Municipal Corporation by the State Government. A further amount of Rs. 9.16 crores and odd, has also been cleared and passed on to the MJP. The bills pertaining to Rs. 9.31 crores and odd, are being processed. No other demands from the MJP are pending with the Municipal Corporation.

8. In some of our earlier orders, we had recorded that if the Project Contractor has any grievance regarding the bills being kept

pending, it would be at liberty to place its grievance before the HCCC. We, therefore, direct that the compilation Y-122 shall be served upon the Chairman of the HCCC by tomorrow, and a special meeting, only for this subject, shall be convened by the Chairman, HCCC on 30.04.2026, with prior intimation to all the members.

9. In that context, needless to state that this Court has time and again passed orders considering the peculiar stages of the project, for prevailing upon the project contractor and getting additional / extra works got done. This was on request by the MJP. Therefore, we would not appreciate if the MJP raises any question about such extra works as this Court dealt with those issues and passed orders, after considering the opinion of all the stakeholders at relevant times, thereby permitting such extra works to be done by the Project Contractor. Let this aspect be considered pragmatically by the HCCC.

10. In the last order dated 10.04.2026 passed by this Court, we were informed that the pending electrical work to be performed by M/s. Mahavir Hydro and Pluto, would be completed within 15 days. This was in connection with those aspects that have been recorded in paragraph 4 (a) and (b) of the order dated 10.04.2026. The learned Senior Advocate,

Mr. Dhorde, on instructions, submits that the time limit of 15 days is over, as was recorded in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the said order, and today an assurance is given that the said work would be completed within 3 days from today.

11. We are informed that the next meeting of the HCCC is scheduled on 14.05.2026. Needless to state, as ordered earlier, the HCCC would conduct at least two meetings in each fortnight in a month, and the Committee would place before us the minutes of the meetings that would be held in the month of May, 2026, on a date when the hearing shall be scheduled after vacation.

12. In order to deal with the grievance voiced by the learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Dhorde, in the backdrop of the compilation Y-122, we are listing these matters at **4.00 p.m. on 06.05.2026**. By that time, the HCCC would also have held its special meeting on 30.04.2026 and would tender the minutes of the meeting to the Court on 06.05.2026.

13. The Member Secretary, Mr. Amgouth Sri Ranga Naik, would physically participate in the special meeting of the HCCC with regard to Y-122, on 30.04.2026. The Chairman of the HCCC would ensure that the

time of the meeting is communicated to the Member Secretary well in advance.

(HITEN S.VENEGAVKAR, J.) (RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)