

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

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 188 OF 2022

Shrihari S/o Anant ShidorePetitioner

Versus

The Commissioner/AdministratorRespondent

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

Shrihari S/o Anant Shidore & Ors.Petitioners

Versus

The Commissioner/AdministratorRespondent

**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 ShidoreRespondent

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

Manisha PalandeApplicant

Versus

Shrihari Anant Shidore & Ors.Respondents

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

Raju Nanasaheb ChavanPetitioner

Versus

The State of MaharashtraRespondent

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

GVPR Engineers Ltd. Thr. The
Senior Manager Projects, G.
Mahender S/o. Sri. G. SomlaApplicant

Versus

Shrihari S/ Anant ShidoreRespondent

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

Mr. A. B. Girase, Government Pleader (Through V.C.) 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, for Respondent No.6/MJP. (Through V.C.).

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

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

Mr. S. B. Deshpande, Senior Advocate a/w Mr. Shreyas Deshpande, Mr. D. P. Madkar i/b Mr. D. S. Manorkar for Respondent - NHAI (Through V. C.)

Ms. Manisha Palande, Chief Engineer, MJP is present.

Mr. G. Sreekanth, Divisional Commissioner, Sambhajinagar present.

Mr. Amgothu Sri Ranga Naik, Member Secretary of MJP present.

Mr. Subhash Tambe, Addl. GP is present (Through V. C.)

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

DATE : 6TH MAY, 2026

P.C. :-

1. This is the 217th hearing in these matters.
2. The learned AGP Ms. Raghuwanshi, has tendered a copy of the minutes of the High Court Constituted Committee (HCCC) meeting held on 30th April, 2026, in view of the Order of this Court dated 27th April, 2026. The minutes of the meeting (11 pages) along with a covering letter dated 5th May, 2026, are tendered to the Court. The same is marked as 'X-80' for identification.
3. The learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Dhorde, representing the Project Contractor, submits that at the special meeting held on 30th April, 2026, various issues with regard to the Running Account Bills, Extra Item Rate List Bills, Special Relief Bills, Clause-38 Bills, Bidkin Bus Stand Bill and Paver Block Bill, have been considered. A further meeting is convened on 14th May, 2026.
4. The learned AGP, Ms. Raghuwanshi, informs us that the next meeting of the HCCC is scheduled on 14th May, 2026. The

learned Additional GP Mr. Tambe as well as the Chairman of the HCCC, Mr. G. Sreekanth, who has recently taken over as the Divisional Commissioner of the Region, confirm that the said meeting would be the routine fortnightly meeting, in which the issue as regards the Project Contractor's bills, would also be considered.

5. The Member Secretary of Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran (MJP), Mr. Amgothu Sri Ranga Naik, is present in the Court hall and has addressed us. We conveyed to him that, considering his jurisdiction and paragraph 9 of the Order dated 14th October, 2025 and paragraph 9 of the Order dated 18th December, 2025, we have recorded that he will be exercising his authority in his capacity as the Member Secretary of the MJP. We would appreciate that the issue of bills for the extra work done by the Project Contractor, is resolved at the earliest, keeping in view that Mr. Dhorde in the 216th hearing had stated that the Project Contractor is getting exasperated and if he is unable to pay the contractors/labour charges, there would be an exodus of the labour force.

6. The learned Senior Advocate Mr. Deshmukh, along with the learned Advocate, Mr. Vasmatkar have addressed the Court

on the journey of the water from the WTP to the MBR. The Chief Engineer of MJP, Ms. Palande, has addressed the Court and conveyed that the water would reach the WTP between 09th May, 2026 and 12th May, 2026. The stabilizing of the functioning of WTP would occur by 19th May, 2026. Thereafter, by 21st May, 2026 to 22nd May, 2026, the water would reach the MBR.

7. The Member Secretary of the MJP, the Divisional Commissioner, and the Chief Engineer of the MJP inform us that 18 ESRs are ready to be commissioned. As the flow of water from the WTP to the MBR would occur over a period of around 15-16 days from today, simultaneously, the attachment of the MS pipes to the ESRs, which would cover a length distance of around 6 to 7 kms, would also be completed. By 12th June, 2026, the water from the MBR could reach the existing 16 tanks in the city and the 18 newly commissioned ESR.

8. We are informed that the above aspects would be discussed in the Meeting of the HCCC scheduled on 14th May, 2026, and the next Meeting also, which should occur in the next fortnight of May, 2026. In short, the reports of the HCCC of these two

Meetings would give us a clear picture by the next date of hearing. The Chairman of the HCCC, Mr. Sreekanth, submits that if this roadmap is fructified with the nano planning of delicate issues involved, there is a possibility that water would be supplied to the city residents at least once in three days by 12th June, 2026.

9. In the 216 hearing, the learned Senior Advocate, Mr. Dhorde, had tendered a compilation of documents pertaining to the extra work done and the orders thereon. The same was marked as **‘Y-122’**. Since the pagination had gone wrong, a freshly paginated compilation ‘Y-122’ (Pages 1 to 347), is tendered which is taken on record.

10. Keeping in view that the vacations of the High Court would commence from 9th May, 2026, and the Court will reopen on 8th June, 2026, the learned Senior Advocates Mr. Dhorde, Mr. R. S. Deshmukh, the learned Additional GP, Mr. Tambe and the learned AGP Ms. Raghuwanshi, submit that the next hearing of **the matter may be posted on 12th June, 2026 at 3.00 p.m.**

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