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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

**CONTEMPT PETITION NO.2 OF 2024
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.60 OF 2023**

Dharma Rajaram Vallakati & Ors. ...Petitioners
Versus
The State Of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. S. M. Seegarla, for the Petitioners.
Mr. Anoop Patil a/w Oorja Dhond i/by Komal Punjabi, for the
Respondent – BMC.
Tapasya Dhamne, Senior Inspector License "E" Ward of
Respondent No.4 – present.

**CORAM : DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA, CJ &
AMIT BORKAR, J.**

DATE : 15th OCTOBER, 2024

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1. The physical copy of the affidavit-in-reply filed by the Respondent No.4 is taken on record. We have been informed that the said affidavit-in-reply has already been e-filed.

2. This Petition has been filed alleging contempt of order of the Court dated 21st December, 2023 passed in Public Interest Litigation No.60 of 2023, whereby the Petitioners were required to make a representation/complaint in respect of removal of certain encroachment by hawkers on S. P. Road. Whereupon, the authorities of the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai were directed to take steps for removal of unauthorized



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hawkers and other encroachments from the pavements in the area as described in the Public Interest Litigation Petition. It has been informed that the encroachment by hawkers is the subject matter of *Suo-moto* Public Interest Litigation No.1 of 2023 and accordingly, to avoid plurality of orders, it will be appropriate, if this Contempt Petition is also heard by the bench hearing the aforesaid *Suo-moto* Public Interest Litigation No.1 of 2023.

3. Accordingly, let this Contempt Petition be tagged with *Suo-moto* Public Interest Litigation No.1 of 2023 and be placed before the bench concerned.

[AMIT BORKAR, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]