

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION (L) NO. 11639 OF 2026

Maharashtra State Road
Development Corporation Ltd .. Petitioner

Versus

Union of India .. Respondent

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Mr. Saket Mone a/w Ms Archita Nair and Ms Fatema Kothari
i/by Vidhii Partners, for the Petitioner.

Ms Akanksha A. Mishra, for Respondent No. 1.

Ms Jaya Bagwe, for Respondent No. 2 (MCZMA).

Ms Deepali Bagla i/by Bagla & Association, for Respondent No.
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Mr. Amar Mishra, AGP, for the Respondent- State.

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**CORAM: BHARATI DANGRE &
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ.**

DATED : 21st APRIL, 2026

P.C:-

1. The Writ Petition filed by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation seek diversion of 0.4479 hectares of mangrove forest land, which would involve felling of 75 mangroves, for the proposed project of construction of two lane bridge across Jaigad Creek between Tavsai to Sandelavgan, District- Ratnagiri on Revas Reddi Coastal Highway. The Petitioner, having received the requisite permissions in the wake of the directions of this Court in the

Public Interest Litigation, has approached this Court seeking permission in PIL No. 87 of 2006.

2. The notice on behalf of Respondent No. 2 is waived by learned counsel, Ms Bagwe, who state that the in-principle approval is received from the Forest Department and, therefore, the Respondent No.2- MCZMA need not file its affidavit-in-reply. However, the learned counsel representing the Bombay Environment Action Group is opposing the reliefs sought in the Petition and she seek time to file an affidavit-in-reply.

We direct the affidavit-in-reply to be filed on or before 30.04.2026.

Re-notify to **05.05.2026**.

To be listed on the Supplementary Board.

(MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.)

(BHARATI DANGRE, J.)