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

**WRIT PETITION (L) NO. 18655 OF 2025**

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Jaybhavani Mahila Utkarsh Mandal  
Through Shri. Nishant Ghadge

.. Petitioner

**Versus**

The Chief Officer, Mumbai  
Slum Improvement Board & Ors.

.. Respondents

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*Mr. Vijay Kurle a/w Priyal Gupta, Vikas Pawar, Advocates for the  
Petitioner.*

*Mr. Hitesh N. Verma, Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 3*

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**CORAM: B. P. COLABAWALLA &  
FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, JJ.**

**DATE: JUNE 27, 2025.**

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1. The above Writ Petition challenges the cancellation of allotment of the Public Toilet, namely 'Star Shauchalay' at Kena Market, Govandi, 'M' East Ward, Mumbai 400 088 and restore the allotment of the same to the Petitioner.

2. The main ground of challenge in the above Writ Petition is that the allotment is cancelled without giving any hearing and in complete breach

of the principles of natural justice. The ad-interim relief sought today is that according to the Petitioner, he is in possession of the said Public Toilet and is managing the same and there is a serious apprehension that the Petitioner may be dispossessed without due process of law. The Petitioner, therefore, prays that his possession be protected.

3. The learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 states that after the allotment of the Petitioner was cancelled, the same has been allotted to Respondent No.4. In that regard, he tendered a Possession Letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025. He also sought time to file an Affidavit-in-Reply to the above Writ Petition. We accede to the request of the learned Advocate and direct Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to file their Affidavit-in-Reply, if any, on or before 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025. A copy of the said reply shall also be served on the Advocate for the Petitioner.

4. As far as ad-interim relief is concerned, since there is a serious dispute as to who is in possession of the Public Toilet, namely “Star Shauchalay”, we direct that all parties, including Respondent No.4 shall maintain status-quo as on today. Since the allotment and possession, admittedly, were with the Petitioner prior to the cancellation of the allotment, Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 shall have to bring on record as to what steps were

taken by them to take possession from the Petitioner and thereafter handed over to the 4<sup>th</sup> Respondent.

5. A copy of this order shall be served by the Petitioner on Respondent No.4 within a period of one week from today.

6. We now place the above mater on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

7. This order will be digitally signed by the Private Secretary/ Personal Assistant of this Court. All concerned will act on production by fax or email of a digitally signed copy of this order.

**[FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.]**

**[B. P. COLABAWALLA, J.]**