

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

WRIT PETITION (LODGING) NO.41086 OF 2025

Rajkiran Baburao Salve

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and Ors.

...Respondents

Mr. Samir A. Vaidya with Ms. Zainab Khan and Mr. Chandarani Gore
for the Petitioner.

Mr. Vikram N. Walawalkar with Mr. Rohan Desai for the Respondent-
U.O.I.

Mr. Rakesh Pathak, A.G.P. for the Respondent – State.

Ms. Anuja Tirmali with Ms. Jyoti Mhatre i/b Ms. Komal Punjabi for
the Respondent No.3.

Mr. Mandar Soman i/b Ms. Priyanka Surve for the Respondent No.7.

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

DATE : 29th JANUARY 2026

P.C. :

1. The petitioner, the owner of a news paper has filed the
present petition seeking implementation of the Notification dated 5th
December 2016 issued by the Union of India directing the authorities
to remove all encroachments including construction of a temporary

and/or permanent structures within the film city, part of Sanjay Gandhi National Park Forest, being notified as forest.

2. On a preliminary objection being raised by the learned counsel representing the Film City, Goregaon, Mumbai, about the petition being entertained without it being demonstrated as to how the petitioner is impacted by the alleged violation of the Notification and its non-adherence by the State Authorities, the learned counsel Mr. Vaidya, seeks permission to convert the present writ petition into a Public Interest Litigation ('PIL').

Though we permit it to be done we expect him to follow the procedure that is prescribed under the Bombay High Court Public Interest Litigation Rules, 2010 and only upon the registry being expressing satisfaction that it deserves to be entertained as a PIL as it is complied with the said Rules, the petition shall be allotted a PIL registration number and placed before the appropriate Bench. Mr. Vaidya undertakes to ensure compliance accordingly.

MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.

BHARATI DANGRE, J.