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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

946 WRIT PETITION NO. 3724 OF 2026

Salim Dastagir Shaikh

VERSUS

The Union Of India Through Its Secretary And Others

AND

948 WRIT PETITION NO. 3726 OF 2026

Jaykumar Surajmal Gandhi

VERSUS

The Union Of India Through Its Secretary And Others

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Mr. Shaikh M.A. Jahagirdar, Advocate for the Petitioners in WP/3724/2026 & WP/3726/2026.

Mr. Rahul Bagul, Senior Panel Counsel for Respondent No.1 in WP/3726/2026

Mr. U.B. Bondar, Senior Panel Counsel for Respondent No.1 in WP/3724/2026

Mr. Abhijit M. Phule and Ms. Neha B. Kamble, AGPs for Respondents-State in respective WPs

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**CORAM : SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI AND
HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, JJ.**

DATE : 08 APRIL, 2026

PER COURT :-

1. Issue notice to Respondents. Learned Sr. Panel Counsel/Central Government counsel waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent No. 1. Learned AGP waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent Nos. 4 to 7 and submits that an alternate remedy of appeal is available
2. Notice of Respondents No. 2 and 8 is made returnable on 06.05.2026.

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3. There shall be affidavit-in-reply on behalf of all the Respondents to be filed on or before 22.04.2026. Copy of the same be given to the other side in advance.

4. In the meantime, the Estate Officer is directed not to take any further action under the PPE Act against the petitioners.

[HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR]
JUDGE

[SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI]
JUDGE

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