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

**960 SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 1
OF 2018**

THE REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL), HIGH COURT OF
JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY, BENCH AT AURANGABAD

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Mr S. K. Tambe, Addl. G.P. for Respondent Nos.1 to 5 & 7
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CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE

AND

Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.

DATE : 5th September, 2024

PER COURT:

1. With reference to our orders dated 07/08/2024 and 22/08/2024, most of the learned Principal District Judges of the Judicial Districts of the State of Maharashtra, have submitted their reports. However, in some of the reports of the learned Principal District Judges, we notice that, they have lost sight of the fact that, we are in a search of retired Principal District Judges for the purpose of giving them the assignment of becoming the Chairperson of the District Level Committee.

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2. With this in focus, a Principal District Judge belonging to the said District, or a District Judge, who may belong to the District, but has settled down in an adjacent District, and in the absence of the both, a retired Principal District Judge of the nearby District, who can consent to be the Chairperson and is willing to take up the said assignment. Some of the learned Principal District Judges have forwarded names of the retired Principal District Judges, who have already taken assignments either on a Tribunal or on some Authority. So also, some reports indicate that, there is not a single retired Principal District Judge in the said town. Such learned Principal District Judges should have searched for a retired Principal District Judge, who has settled down in an adjacent District and who is willing to take up the said assignment as the Chairperson of the District Level Committee.

3. We, therefore, request the learned Registrar (Judicial) of this Court, to request the learned Principal District Judges, except the learned Principal District Judge of the District Sangli who has forwarded an appropriate report, to once again go

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through our orders, and we request them to bear in mind that, we are searching for such judicial officers, who have retired from the rank of the Principal District Judge and who are willing and consenting to be the Chairperson of the District Level Committee, that we intend to constitute in this Suo-Moto Public Interest Litigation. So also, we request the learned Registrar (judicial) to collect the data from the Registry of the Bombay High Court with regard to the retired Judges, not below the rank of the Principal District Judge, and to place the data before us by the next date of hearing.

4. List this Petition on 19/09/2024 at 4:30 p.m.

(Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

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