



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

946 SUO MOTO (PIL) 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 P. K. Lakhotiya, A.G.P. for Respondent Nos.1 to 5
Mr S. M. Gunjkar, Advocate h/f Mr Deelip Patil Bankar,
Advocate for Respondent Nos.6 & 8

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE
AND**

Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.

DATE : 18th January, 2024

PER COURT:

1. We are in receipt of a communication dated 20/12/2023, addressed by the learned District Judge-1 and Additional Sessions Judge, Aheri, District Gadchiroli. We are informed that the jurisdiction of the Aheri Sessions Division is mostly in naxalites affected areas and these parts are divided as 'sensitive area' and ' more sensitive area'. The school situated at Medaram Check within Sironcha Tahsil, Javeli within Etapalli Tahsil and Kumargunda, Koyanguda, Dubbaguda, Medapalli, Dhodraj, Mallampadur, Laheri, Arewada within Bhamaragad Tahsil, are far away from Aheri. The road condition is not good and these Schools are within 'more sensitive areas' (naxalites

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affected areas). Even the Police have recommended that the Judicial Officers should not visit these areas. A request is made for seeking permission to inspect the said area through videography by using Android mobile or in case, there is no mobile range, with the aid of the photographers of the Police Department. With such facilities, inspection of the 10 Schools is possible.

2. In view of the above request, we grant liberty to the concerned District Judge-1 and Additional Sessions Judge, Aheri, to take an appropriate decision in due consultation with the local administration and the Police Authorities, in order to carry out the inspection of the said 10 schools, by adopting the procedure, as is advised to be more appropriate and more importantly, safe for those causing the inspection.

3. Since this Court has granted extension of time for such Inspection Committees to tender their report till 31/01/2024, we are listing this Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation on 15/02/2024 at 4.30 p.m.

(Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

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