



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

1002 PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.32 OF 2025

Prakash Kamlakar Pathak
VERSUS
The Union Of India Thr Its Secretary And Others

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Prakash Kamlakar Pathak - Party- In-Person.
Mr. A. M. Phule, AGP for Respondents/State.
Mr. Hanmant V. Patil, Advocate for Respondent No.6.
Mr. R. R. Bangar, Advocate for Respondent No.1.

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**CORAM : SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI &
AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, JJ.**

DATE : 07 MAY 2026

ORDER :

. In view of our order dated 17.03.2026, respondent Nos.4 and 5 have filed affidavit-in-reply. Today, the petitioner-in-person is filing affidavit-in-rejoinder. He has given the copy of the same to the other side.

2. By the same order, we had directed learned Advocate for respondent No.6 to take instructions as to when inquiry would be started as directed in the letter dated 06.03.2026. Learned Advocate for respondent No.6, upon instructions, makes a statement that respondent No.6 has appointed Deputy Commissioner as a Nodal Officer and he has

been directed to make inquiry in respect of all the complaints. Though according to respondent No.6, in respect of certain complaints, already decision has been taken, but in view of the directions given in letter dated 06.03.2026, the inquiry has to be conducted.

3. We had then asked learned Advocate for respondent No.6 to take instructions as to when the said inquiry would be completed. Again upon instructions he states that since around 50 complaints have been made, it would take about six months at least to complete the inquiry taking into consideration the workload with the Deputy Commissioner also.

4. The petitioner-in-person then submits that he has not been called by any of the authorities in connection with the inquiry. He shows his readiness to cooperate with the inquiry. At this stage, we direct the Nodal Officer/Deputy Commissioner to go ahead with the inquiry as directed in letter dated 06.03.2026 and try to complete the inquiry within a period of four months from today. He should call the petitioner in connection with the inquiry and may receive any document or evidence that would be produced by the petitioner before him.

5. Place the matter for further consideration on 15.09.2026.

[AJIT B. KADETHANKAR]
JUDGE

[SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI]
JUDGE

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