

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD.

950 SUO MOTO (PIL) NO.8 OF 2020

THE REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL),  
HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY, BENCH AT AURANGABAD  
VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA,  
THROUGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND OTHERS

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Ms. Rani Bora, h/f Mr. S. S. Bora, (Amicus Curiae), Advocate for Petitioner.  
Mr. D. R. Kale, Chief Government Pleader for Respondent Nos.1, 4 to 7.  
Mr. A. G. Talhar, DSGI for Respondent No.2.  
Mr. P. P. More, Advocate for Respondent No.3.  
Mr. A. P. Bhandari, Advocate for Respondent No.8.  
Mr. Amol Sawant, Advocate for Respondent No.32.  
Mr. S. S. Thombre, Advocate for Respondent No.42.

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CORAM : **RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &  
SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, JJ.**

DATE : 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

**Per Court:**

1. The learned Chief Government Pleader has placed on record a compilation of 283 pages alongwith an index. The compilation is prepared by the office of the Police Commissioner, Aurangabad. The same is collectively marked as "X-4" for identification.

2. He conveys the various steps initiated by the Police Department in coordination with various other wings of the District

Administration, to curb the menace of *Nylon Manja*. The details are as regards the surprise checks, confiscation of the *Nylon Manja*, issuing notices to shop owners, initiating action under the Bombay Shops and Establishments Act, besides other provisions of law and resorting to public awareness through public campaigning via posters and pamphlet distribution. We appreciate the efforts put in by the local administration and we expect the same thing to be done by all the Respondents in various districts amenable to the jurisdiction of this Court.

3. In the previous hearing, the learned DSGI was to inform the Court as to whether the Government of India was to initiate steps for banning the Chinese manufactured *Nylon Manja*. He informs us that this *Nylon Manja* is no longer imported from the China. It is now manufactured in India. He further adds that this is not exclusively used for flying kites, but is a material manufactured to be used as a raw material in many products. He assures the Court that an affidavit will be filed on the next date to intimate the Court as to the various products for which this synthetic nylon material is used as a raw material.

4. Let the affidavit be filed by the learned DSGI, on or before 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

5. Mr. Thombre, the learned Advocate points out that this Court had issued directions in its order dated 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 with regard to the home delivery of the *Nylon Thread* through E-Commerce sites, example "Misho". The learned Chief Government Pleader points out that the documents at page Nos.10 to 30 in X-4, indicate that the steps that have been initiated. We expect that such steps be aggressively taken all round the year so as to ensure that there is not even a single home delivery of the *Nylon Thread / Manja* for flying kites, from E-Commerce sites.

6. We deem it appropriate to record that all the Respondents would continue to maintain the steps initiated for ensuring that the *Nylon Manja* is not sold in the market, in shops and utilized for flying kites. Though the *Makar Sankrat* season is over, it would not mean that people have stopped flying kites and as such, the use of *Nylon Manja* cannot be ruled out all round the year.

7. List this Petition on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at 04:00 pm.

[ SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, J. ]

[ RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J. ]