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

**SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 8 OF  
2020**

**THE REGISTRAR JUDICIAL HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

**VERSUS**

**THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Satyajeet S. Bora, appointed as  
an Amicus Curiae.

Government Pleader for Respondents 1, 4 to 7/State : Mr. A.B.  
Girase

Advocate for Respondent 8 : Mr. A.P. Bhandari

Advocate for Respondent 31 : Mr. L.V. Sangit

Advocate for Respondent 33 : Mr. K.N. Lokhande

Advocate for Respondent 35 : Mr. D.M. Shinde

Advocate for Respondents 43 and 44 : Mr. P.V. Ambade

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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE**

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**Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.**

**DATE :- 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

**Per Court :-**

1. The learned Government Pleader has placed before us various communications and compilations of documents indicating wide spread action initiated by the Respondent authorities, which are taken on record and marked as under:-

<b>Marked as</b>	<b>Description of Documents/ compilations</b>
X-6A	Copy of the communication dated 12.01.2024 received by the learned Government Pleader from the Deputy Commissioner (Crime), Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar. (two pages)
X-7	Copy of the communication received by the learned Government Pleader from the Superintendent of Police, Dharashiv, dated __.01.2024. (two pages)
X-8	Copy of the communication received from the District Municipal Administration, Office of the District Collector, Nanded, dated 12.01.2024. (03 pages)
X-9	Compilation of documents indicating an action initiated by the Office of District Superintendent of Police, Beed along with covering letter dated 11.01.2024. (09 pages)
X-10	A communication dated 11.01.2024 received from the Superintendent of Police, Hingoli along with documents. (20 pages)
X-11	Copy of the compilation of documents received from the Police Inspector, Local Crime Branch (Rural), Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar. (26 pages)
X-12	Compilation of documents received from the in-charge Superintendent of Police, Jalna, along with covering letter dated 12.01.2024. (40 pages)

- X-13 A communication by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Crime Branch, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, dated 08.01.2024 setting forth details of online sellers of Nylon Manja through e-commerce mode. (04 pages plus 89 pages)
- X-14 Compilation of documents/ communications/ First Information Reports etc. tendered by the Deputy Commissioner, Crime Branch, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, dated 09.01.2024. (113 pages)
- X-15 Compilation of documents/ communications/ First Information Reports etc. tendered by the Police Inspector, City Chowk Police Station, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar.
- X-16 Communication from the Superintendent of Police, Hingoli dated 06.01.2024 along with the documents/ communications/ First Information Reports. (03 plus 44 pages)
- X-17 Communication from the Ahmednagar Municipal Corporation dated 11.01.2024 along with some documents. (02 plus 20 pages)
- X-18 Compilation of documents tendered by the Municipal Commissioner, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar. (25 pages)

2. It appears from the documents placed before us, that the Local Administration/ Municipal Corporations / Municipal Councils/ Police Authorities have started initiating steps to ensure that the nylon thread is neither sold, nor used for

kite flying. The Municipal Corporations of Ahmednagar and Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar have also placed documents on record, which would indicate that they have started awareness campaigns and posters are being pasted in the schools and colleges to alert the young generation against using the nylon thread for the purposes of flying the kites. We are also informed through the above referred documents that the offences are being registered and the shops are being sealed by resorting to combing operations.

3. We would expect all the Respondents to maintain the pace and tempo of initiating actions. Let there be no complacency as 14th January and 15th January would increase the task of these Respondents and they would have to maintain a constant 24 hours vigil on smuggling and sale of nylon thread and use of the said thread for kite flying. Every shop, colony and locality will have to be searched and the Authorities will have to watch even terraces of residences, which are normally used for kite flying and at such places, the possibility of using nylon thread by the residents cannot be ruled out.

4. The learned Advocate Shri Bora has drawn our attention to the news item published in the Times of India which

would indicate that several birds are falling victims to the nylon thread, which is termed by the Times of India as “Killer Manja”.

5. In order to ensure that the Local Administration and Police Authorities continue with the rapid action that is being initiated on each day, **we are listing this petition on 15.01.2024 at 04:30 PM.**

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(Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)