



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

145 SUO MOTO (PIL) NO. 8 OF 2020

THE REGISTRAR JUDICIAL HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

...Petitioner

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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Mr. Satyajeet S Bora, Advocate, Appointed as an Amicus Curiae,
Mr. A. B. Girase, Government Pleader for the Respondents State
Mr. A. G. Talhar, DSGI for Respondent No.2.
Mr. P. P. More, Advocate for Respondent No. 3
Mr. N. S. Shah h/for Mr. K. N. Lokhande, Advocate for Respondent
No.33
Mr. R. K. Ingole, Advocate for Respondent No. 37

CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.

DATE : 15th January, 2024

ORDER:

1. The Government Pleader has placed before us a compilation of documents indicating the steps taken by the local administration and the Police Department by resorting to combing operations and making surprise visit to shops, sellers, traders etc. for curbing the hoarding and sale of nylon manja. The documents that are placed before us are marked for identification as under:

Marked as	Descriptions of documents/ compilations
X-19	: Compilation of 27 pages to indicate the steps taken, offences registered and the awareness campaign undertaken by Ahmednagar Police.

X-20	: Compilation of 67 pages to indicate the steps taken, offences registered and the awareness campaign undertaken by Nanded Police.
X-21	: Compilation of 79 pages to indicate the steps taken, offence registered and the awareness campaign undertaken by Nandurbar Police.
X-22	: Compilation of 24 pages to indicate the steps taken, offences registered and the awareness campaign undertaken by Beed Police.
X-23	: Compilation of 16 pages to indicate the steps taken, offences registered and the awareness campaign undertaken by Aurangabad City Police.
X-24	: Compilation of 16 pages to indicate the steps taken, offences registered and the awareness campaign undertaken by Aurangabad Rural Police.
X-25	: Compilation of 16 pages to indicate the steps taken, offences registered and the awareness campaign undertaken by Dhule Police.
X-26	: Compilation of 9 pages to indicate the steps taken, offences registered and the awareness campaign undertaken by Latur Police.
X-27	: Compilation of 32 pages to indicate the steps taken, offences registered and the awareness campaign undertaken by Hingoli Police.
X-28	: Compilation of 47 pages to indicate the steps taken, offence registered and the awareness campaign undertaken by Jalna Police.
X-29	: Compilation of 84 pages to indicate the steps taken, offence registered and the awareness campaign undertaken by Parbhani Police Station.

2. There has been no report tendered by the District Superintendent of Police of Osmanabad. We request the learned

Government Pleader to convey our displeasure to the Superintendent of Police, Osmanabad for having not submitted a report.

3. The learned AGP informs us that 29 offences are registered in Ahmednagar, 7 in Nanded, 12 in Nandurbar, 2 in Beed, 19 in Aurangabad City, 5 in Aurangabad Rural, 1 at Dhule, Nil at Latur, 18 at Hingoli, 1 at Jalna and 2 at Parbhani.

4. The learned Amicus Curiae submits that these steps should be not a once in a year exercise. The authorities need to look at the menace with a very serious outlook and it would be more appropriate to have such exercise all round the year.

5. We deem it appropriate to direct the Government Pleader to intimate the Principal Secretary, School and Higher Education Department to issue instructions to all concerned education authorities in all the districts in the State of Maharashtra, to mandate an awareness campaign to be introduced in the educational programme in the schools and colleges as a part of enlightening the students of their civic responsibilities towards shunning the use of the nylon manja for kite flying.

6. In fact, we are of the view that such programmes should be conducted all round the year and should be made a part of the educational curriculum at least in the Civics subject at all levels in the

schools and colleges, all round the year. Such exercises need to be undertaken with all seriousness at least from October of each year till April of the succeeding year.

7. We would expect the Principal Secretary to make a statement before this Court as regards the steps initiated by his office in the light of these directions. Let such statement be made before us in the hearing on 31st January, 2024.

8. In the meanwhile, list this Petition on 19th January, 2024 at 4.30 p.m. In the event the Amicus curiae deems it appropriate to seek urgent orders from the Court, in a given situation, we grant him liberty to circulate this Petition by informing all colleague Advocates.

(Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

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