

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

940 SUO MOTO (PIL) 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

AGP for Respondent nos. 1, 4 to 7 : Mr. M.K. Goyanka

Advocate for Respondent no. 42 : Mr. S.S. Thombre

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CORAM : **MANGESH S. PATIL &**
PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR , JJ.

DATE : **27.11.2024**

PER COURT :

In spite of the fact that almost 10 months have lapsed since this Court had passed the order on 23.01.2024, now that the auspicious Sankrat of the year 2025, is approaching, the learned A.G.P. is still to get the instructions in respect of the State Government's stand for imposing a ban on the use of synthetic thread/nylon manja, being used for flying kites, as has been done by fourteen other States.

2. At this stage, the learned A.G.P., points out from the Government website a copy of the communication dated 29.12.2022. Pursuant to the order of this Court in the present matter dated 20.12.2022, and in exercise of the powers under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, directions were issued to various departments, like Divisional Commissioner, District Magistrate, Municipal Commissioner, Commissioner of Police, Superintendent of Police, Director General of Information, expressly reiterating that they shall not allow the use of the 'Pakka thread' commonly

known as 'nylon manja', stopping of the wholesale, retail and stocking of it and even for sensitizing people regarding the effect of use of such nylon thread, which are known by 'manja' it inter alia directed all the aforementioned authorities to undertake review meetings before Makar Sankrat. Several other directions were also issued.

3. Let the learned A.G.P collate record from all the aforementioned authorities regarding the steps taken by each of them pursuant to these directions and place it on record.

4. S.O. to 19.12.2024.

(PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR J.)

(MANGESH S. PATIL, J.)

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