



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

907 PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 133 OF 2019

Dashrath Garbad Patil & othersPetitioners

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra & othersRespondents

Mr. Abhijeet Yeole, Advocate holding for Mr. V. D. Salunke, Advocate
for the Petitioners.

Mr. S. B. Pulkundwar, AGP for the State.

**CORAM : SMT VIBHA KANKANWADI
& HITEN S VENEGA VKAR, JJ.**

DATE : 11th MARCH, 2026.

PER COURT :

1. Learned Advocate Mr. Yeole, holding for Mr. Salunke, learned Advocate for the Petitioners, seeks accommodation on the personal ground of the Advocate on record. We were not inclined for the same. However, at the same time, it will be apt to mention that by order dated 21.11.2019, when the notices were issued to the Respondents, this Court had directed Respondent No. 3 to file detailed affidavit. Thereafter, when the matter was on board on 19.12.2019, last chance was given at the request of learned AGP to file affidavit-in-reply and the next date given was 16.01.2020. Thereafter there were no efforts either by the Petitioners or the Respondents to take the matter on

board. Today also, we have taken the matter on board since many Public Interest Litigations have remained unattended.

2. Now, the learned AGP, again seeks accommodation to file affidavit-in-reply. We are constrained to observe that the Petitioners were trying to agitate some grievance of which, due note was taken by this Court and the notices were issued. Yet, thereafter, the matter has not been prosecuted properly.

3. Affidavit-in-reply be filed on or before 02.04.2026 along with cost of Rs. 10,000/-. Copy of the affidavit-in-reply be given to the other side in advance.

4. Place the matter for further consideration on 15.04.2026.

(HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR)
JUDGE

(SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI)
JUDGE

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