



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

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 42 OF 2025**

SHATRUGHNA SADASHIVRAO KANSE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS CHIEF SECRETARY  
AND OTHERS

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Rajendra V. Dasalkar  
AGP for Respondents No. 1 and 2-State : Mr. V. M. Kagne

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**CORAM : SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI AND  
SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, JJ.**

**Date : 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**

**PER COURT :-**

1. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.
2. It appears from the record that three distinct water supply schemes were initiated to be executed through the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran i.e. Respondent No. 3. First, a Grid Water Scheme covering 176 villages across Partur, Mantha and Jalna Talukas under the Mukhyamantri Rural Drinking Water Programme and the second, a 95-Village Grid Water Supply Scheme sourcing water from the Khadakpura Dam, integrated with the 176-Village Grid Water Supply Scheme sourcing from the Dudhna Dam. Third, a 120-Village Extension Water Supply Scheme under the Jal Jeevan Mission for villages in Partur, Mantha and Jalna Talukas of Jalna District. The petitioner contends that despite

a substantial outlay from the State exchequer, these schemes remain non-functional due to contractual violations by the contractor. It is further alleged that certain officers of the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran, in collusion with the contractor, submitted falsified completion reports. While the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran has initiated disciplinary proceedings and imposed fine / penalty on the contractor, the petitioner submits that the ultimate objective of providing drinking water remains unfulfilled and hence, the present petition has been filed.

3. Issue notice to respondents. The learned AGP waives service of notice for respondents No. 1 and 2.

4. Notice of respondents No. 3 to 16 is made returnable on 13.07.2026.

5. In the meantime, the petitioner shall ascertain the latest position of the implementation of the said Schemes and place on record whether the penalty amount has been deposited by the contractor.

**(SACHIN S. DESHMUKH)**  
**JUDGE**

**(SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI)**  
**JUDGE**