



N THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR

SUO MOTU PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 17/2026

Court's on its own motion

Vs.

Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Mumbai
& Ors.

*Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
Appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders.*

Court's or Judge's order

Mr. S.S. Sanyal, Amicus Curiae.

Mr. S.M. Ukey, Addl. G.P. for the Respondents/State.

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR AND RAJ D. WAKODE, JJ.

DATE : 26.02.2026

A news article was published in the English daily newspaper "*The Times of India*" on 16th February, 2026. The article reports that residents of Hindustan Colony have raised concerns over the absence of a designated playground in the locality, stating that children and senior citizens are being deprived of a safe and accessible space for outdoor activities.

2. It is further reported that although the residential layout was formally approved and developed, no land was reserved for a playground, leaving the colony without any recreational infrastructure. The situation becomes particularly difficult during evenings and holidays, when children have no designated place to play.

3. Considering that the issue raised in the aforesaid news article is of public importance, we treat the same as a *suo motu* Public Interest Litigation and appoint Mr. S.S. Sanyal, learned counsel, to act as *Amicus Curiae* in the present matter.

4. The Registry is directed to provide a copy of the aforesaid news article along with relevant documents to Mr. S.S. Sanyal to enable him to file an appropriate petition in accordance with the Bombay High Court Public Interest Litigation Rules, 2010.

5. List the present *suo motu* Public Interest Litigation on 12th March, 2026 for further consideration.

(RAJ D. WAKODE, J.)

(ANIL S. KILOR, J.)

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