



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 19 OF 2026

Court on its own motion

.Vs.

Principal Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, Mumbai and
others

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's Orders.

Court's or Judge's orders.

Mr S. M. Ukey, Add.G.P. for respondents/state

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR AND RAJ D. WAKODE, JJ.
DATED : 04th MARCH, 2026.

A news article was published in Marathi daily newspaper "Sakal" on 07.02.2026.

2. The aforesaid news article highlights that the number of Anganwadis in the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation Saoner are insufficient and the condition of the existing centre is not up to the mark. The two Anganwadies, within the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation, Saoner, are working in a dilapidated condition and are in a bad condition.

3. Since the issue involved in the present news article is pertaining to the matter of great concern and public importance, we treat the aforesaid news article as *suo moto* public interest litigation and appoint Ms Ashwini Athalye, the learned counsel to act as a *amicus curiae*.

4. The office is directed to handover the aforesaid news article, so also other related documents to learned

counsel Ms Ashwini Athalye so that she will be in a position to file a proper petition as per Public Interest Litigation Rules, 2010.

5. List this *suo moto* public interest litigation on 18.03.2026 for further consideration.

[RAJ D. WAKODE, J]

[ANIL S. KILOR, J.]

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