IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

SUO-MOTU PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 29 OF 2026

Courts on its own motion.
Vs
Hon'ble Secretary of Maharashtra Environment Dept. State of Maharashtra and others.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram, appearances, Court's Orders or directions and Registrar's order	Court's or Judge's Order

Ms Mayuri Deshmukh, AGP for respondent/State.

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR and RAJ D. WAKODE, JJ.
DATE : 11/06/2026

1. A news article published in English daily newspaper "The Times of India" dated 01/05/2026, reveals that Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has admitted that untreated sewage flowing through the Nag River is ultimately polluting the Gosikhurd Dam, raising serious environmental and public health concerns. Nagpur City generates approximately 520 million litres per day (MLD) of sewage, out of which the Nagpur Municipal Corporation is currently treating 423.5 MLD. While 320 MLD of treated sewage is being sold to Koradi and Khaparkheda thermal power stations, the remaining treated water is being discharged into the Nag River flowing downstream into Gosikhurd Dam. Since the issue highlighted in the aforesaid news article is a matter of public health concern, we treat this news item as a Suo-Motu Public Interest Litigation. We appoint Ms. Rushda Khan, learned counsel as Amicus Curie in the present Suo-Motu Public Interest Litigation.

2. The office is directed to hand over the documents pertaining to the present Public Interest Litigation to Ms. Rushda Khan, Amicus Curie, so that she may file a proper petition as per the Bombay High Court Public Interest Litigation Rules, 2010.

3. The Nagpur Municipal Corporation is respondent No. 6 in the present Suo-Motu Public Interest Litigation. The learned Amicus Curie shall be at liberty to approach the respondent No.6- Municipal Commissioner, Nagpur Municipal Corporation, Nagpur to seek additional information pertaining to the aforesaid issue in order to draft the Public Interest Litigation. If Ms Rushda Khan approaches respondent No.6, they are requested to extend their cooperation and provide the necessary information and documents to the learned Amicus Curie for assisting this Court.

4. List the present Suo-Motu Public Interest Litigation on 25/06/2026.

(RAJ D. WAKODE, J.) **(ANIL S. KILOR, J.)**

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