



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

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 12 OF 2022

(Shriram s/o Mahadeorao Satpute...Vs.. Union of India and others.)

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Petitioner in person,
Mr. N.S. Deshpande, Deputy Solicitor General of India for respondent No.
1 & 3,
Mr. A.S. Fulzele, Additional Government Pleader for respondent No.2,
Mr. R.S. Subhedar, Advocate for respondent No. 4.

**CORAM : NITIN W. SAMBRE &
ABHAY J. MANTRI, JJ.**

DATED : 18-07-2024

The petitioner has made twofold grievances-(a) facilitation of cotton purchase at the assured rate immediately after its harvesting i.e. by the end of September and (b) Cotton Purchase Centers should be operated at every Taluka places. So as to substantiate the same he would claim that because of non-operation of the purchase centers immediately after harvesting cotton growers are forced to sold cotton to private entrepreneurs.

2. Mr. Fulzele, the learned Additional Government Pleader submits that the data placed on record by respondent No. 4 would depict that every endeavour is made to make available payments as against purchase of cotton to the farmers directly in their Bank Accounts, which are Aadhar Card linked. According to the learned Additional Government Pleader, the payments are generally released within a reasonable period.

3. The aforesaid contentions are supported by the statistics, which are placed on record by the Cotton Corporation of India.

4. In the aforesaid background, we are of the view that the affidavit of the Principal Secretary of the concerned Department (Agriculture/Textiles) be placed on record as regards their policy about operations of Cotton Purchase Centers at Taluka level and period within which payment to be made available to the farmers once cotton is purchased by Agencies like Cotton Corporation of India.

5. Let the affidavit be placed on record within four weeks. Needless to clarify that if so required, the respondent State Government can have consultation with Cotton Corporation of India in the matter of operation of Cotton Purchase Centers.

6. Stand over to 30.8.2024.

(ABHAY J. MANTRI, J.)

(NITIN W. SAMBRE, J.)