



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

SUO-MOTU PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 15 OF 2025

Court On Its Own Motion

Vs

The Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai and others.

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

Court's or Judge's Order

Mr. D.V. Chavan, Government Pleader (Senior Advocate) a/b Mr. N.S.Rao, AGP for
respondent/State.

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR and RAJNISH R. VYAS, JJ.
DATE : 04/12/2025

1. A news article published in the Marathi daily newspaper "Lokmat" dated 22/11/2025 regarding the rise of pollution in Nagpur as compared to Mumbai and Pune.
2. Considering the importance of the issue from the point of public interest, we are of the opinion that the news item shall be treated as Suo-Motu Public Interest Litigation.
3. We appoint Mr. Shantanu Khedkar, learned counsel, as Amicus Curiae to assist the Court in the present matter, and to file a petition in a proper format as per the Public Interest Litigation Rules, 2010.
4. It is expected that the issue should not be restricted to Nagpur City only but shall also consider the other cities in Vidharbha, including Chandrapur, and file a petition after making necessary research.
5. To enable Mr. Shantau Khedkar, learned Amicus Curiae, to file petition in the prescribed format. Place this matter on **08/01/2026**.

(RAJNISH R. VYAS, J.)

(ANIL S. KILOR, J.)