



**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 Govt. of
Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai and Others]

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

Court's or Judge's order

Shri. Shantanu Khedkar, Amicus Curiae.

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

DATE : 12th JANUARY, 2026.

. Heard.

2. This Suo Motu Public Interest Litigation pertains to air pollution. Shri. Shantanu Khedkar, learned amicus curiae, has drawn attention of this Court to the Steering Committees appointed at State Level as well as City Level by the Government of Maharashtra, Environment Department, for the effective implementation of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) *vide* Government Resolution dated 18th September, 2019. The terms of reference of both the Steering Committees are different. As per the aforesaid Government Resolution, both the Committees are required to hold regular meetings, but as far as the City Level Committee is concerned, the Steering Committee has to submit a report every month.

3. He further points out that air quality monitoring, emission inventory and source apportionment studies have been conducted for ten cities in the State of Maharashtra. A report in respect of Nagpur City was submitted on 8th July, 2024 by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, CSIR- NEERI, and IIT Bombay. An identical reports are there in respect of Amravati

and Chandrapur Districts. In these reports, the factors are discussed which are responsible for such air pollution. In Chapter 6, suggestions are given with the names of responsible Agencies, who can implement such suggestions relating to each of the factors.

4. In the circumstances, issue notice to the respondents, returnable after six weeks.

5. Shri. N. S. Rao, learned Assistant Government Pleader waives service of notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 5, Shri. C. J. Dhumane, learned counsel, waives service of notice on behalf of respondent No.6, Shri. S. S. Sanyal, learned counsel, waives service of notice on behalf of respondent Nos.8 and 11 and Shri. J. B. Kasat, learned counsel, waives service of notice on behalf of respondent Nos.9 and 10.

6. By the next date, it is expected that both the Steering Committees shall submit report as regards the number of meetings held in pursuance of the above-referred Government Resolution. Similarly, the Authorities mentioned in the above-referred report dated 8th July 2024, who are required to implement the suggestions given in the said report, shall file their affidavits pointing out what steps they have taken to implement such suggestions, as recorded at pages 245 to 252 of the record book.

7. Learned amicus curiae seeks permission to serve the other respondents with a scanned copy of this PIL by email or other modes.

(RAJ D. WAKODE, J.)

(ANIL S. KILOR, J.)