

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

**WRIT PETITION NO. 11702 OF 2018**

Vaibhav Lahu Umap & Anr.

... Petitioners

**Versus**

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

... Respondents

**WITH**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 5375 OF 2021**

Reshma Gafur Mujawar

... Petitioner

**Versus**

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

... Respondents

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*Mr. Prashant Bhavake for the Petitioners.*

*Mr. V.M. Mali, A.G.P. for the Respondent-State in WP/11702/2018.*

*Mr. A. P. Vanarase, A.G.P. for the Respondent-State in WP/5375/2021.*

*Mr. Vijay Killedar a/w. Mr. Aakash Bhopi & Mr. Rahul Rote for the Respondent No.4.*

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**Coram :** R.G. AVACHAT &  
AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, JJ.

**Date :** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**PER COURT :**

**1.** Mr. Bhavake, learned counsel for the Petitioners, submits that despite repeated directions issued by this Court from time to time, the Respondent-Authorities have failed to file their reply affidavits in the present Petitions. He further submits that spare copies of the Petitions have already been supplied to the learned A.G.P. to facilitate the Respondent-Authorities in filing their reply affidavits.

**2.** We strongly deprecate the practice of such unwarranted delay in filing reply affidavits. The concerned Respondent-Authorities are directed to file their reply affidavits on or before the next date of hearing, without fail. It is made clear that in the event of non-compliance, this Court may be constrained to pass appropriate and stern orders against the Respondent-Authorities.

**3.** Stand over to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**[ AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, J. ]**

**[ R.G. AVACHAT, J. ]**