

W.P. (PIL) No. 809 of 2022

**CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR**

09/Dated: 16.02.2026

1. Despite our order of 9th January 2026 by which we indulge the officials of the State Government, no affidavits have been filed.
2. Mr. Piyush Chitresh, learned A.C. to A.G. once again seeks an additional week's time to file affidavits.
3. As a last chance, we grant time up to 24th February 2026. This time if no affidavit is filed by the 3rd respondent, then the 3rd respondent, first personally pay cost of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand) to the petitioner without burdening the State exchequer.
4. The above direction is necessary because the initial direction to file affidavit which was made on 27.11.2025. The same was not complied with. The next direction was issued on 9th January 2026 when a positive assurance was given to this Court. Even that has not been complied with. Therefore, though we are now extending the time, the same shall be on the payment of cost of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand) by the Secretary personally, in case of non-compliance. Copy of the same must be furnished to the learned counsel for the petitioner by 24th February 2026.

5. If the petitioner wishes to file a rejoinder, the petitioner may file such rejoinder by 11th March 2026.
6. List the matter on 18th March 2026.

(M. S. Sonak, C.J.)

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

16.02.2026

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