

ITEM NO.306

COURT NO.1

SECTION IX

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).19756/2021

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-10-2021 in WP No.11744/2021 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay at Aurangabad]

RAHUL RAMESH WAGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

[ONLY I.A. NO. 13734/2026 IS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM]
IA No. 13734/2026 - EXTENSION OF TIME

Date : 23-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Shri Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General of India, representing the State of Maharashtra, informs that in deference to the directions issued by this Court from time to time, the elections to 246 Municipal Councils and 42 Nagar Panchayats have already been completed. Similarly, 29 Municipal Corporations have undergone the election process. He further informs us that elections have also been conducted in 12 Zila Parishads and 125 Panhayat Samitis, where the reservation does not exceed 50%.
2. In this view of the matter and the interim directions having been substantially complied with, it seems to us that the controversy *re: reservation in elected local bodies exceeding the limit of 50%* can be finally settled, particularly as similar issues are likely to arise across the country.
3. Post these matters for final hearing on 21.07.2026 and 22.07.2026.
4. The parties are directed to nominate their Nodal Counsel within one week.
5. The learned Nodal Counsel shall file the convenience compilation, if not already filed, along with a brief note of submissions within four weeks. The arguing Senior Counsel/counsel for both sides shall make an internal arrangement with respect to the allocation of time for oral submissions, so as to ensure that only one working day shall be granted to the petitioners' side. Similarly, the respondents shall also be granted one day's time to complete their submissions. A request by the petitioners to

accommodate them for rejoinder submissions, if any, shall be considered at the appropriate stage.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR