

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 710 OF 2026
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (ST) NO. 1956 OF 2026

Tousif Khalil Shaikh ...Applicant.
In the Matter in Between:
Kolhapur District Bar Association and Others ...Petitioners.
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Others ...Respondents.

Ms. Sakshi Jankar, h/f. Mr. Atharv Samant, for the Applicant.
Mr. Shishir Hiray, Public Prosecutor with Mrs. P. S. Rane, APP, for the Respondent-State.
Mr. Shrikrishna Banbavale with Mr. Rajendra B. Mandlik, i/b. Mr. Swaroop M. Karade, for the Petitioners.
Mr. Rajiv Chavan (Through VC), Amicus Curiae is present.
Mrs. Neha s. Bhide, Government Pleader with Ms. Tejas J. Kapre, AGP, for the Respondents-State.
Mr. Sangram Desai with Mr. Advait Vajaratkar & Ms. Sanjana Desai, for the Respondent No.7-BCMG.

Coram : Sharmila U. Deshmukh &
Neeraj P. Dhote, JJ.

Date : August 17, 2026.

P. C. :

1. The present Application is filed seeking intervention.
2. Considering that the District Bar Association, the Bar Council of India and learned *amicus curaie* has been appointed in the matter, the intervention of individual lawyer would expand the scope of the present PIL petition.

3. Therefore, the intervention application stands disposed of.

[Neeraj P. Dhote, J.]

[Sharmila U. Deshmukh, J.]

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