

order dated 24th December, 1992, annexed at Exhibit A to the petition.

2. In our view, since the Collector has issued a show-cause notice, asking the Petitioner to show-cause as to why order dated 24th December, 1992 should not be set aside, at this stage, it will not be possible for us to set aside the said order, which is at Exhibit A to the petition.

3. However, there is no impediment in directing Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 to go ahead with the inquiry, which is initiated pursuant to the show-cause notice dated 23rd May, 1995. Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 shall expeditiously dispose of the said proceeding, preferably within three months. All contentions raised by both parties in this petition are kept open. Needless to state that if Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 are satisfied that Respondent No. 3 has been granted NA permission by order dated 30th July, 1996 without following due procedure in law, in that event, it is open for them to quash the said order. With these directions, Writ Petition No. 1229 of 2000 is disposed of.

4. So far as Writ Petition No. 1671 of 1997 is concerned, this matter will have to be decided by the learned Single Judge, as per the Bombay High Court Appellate Side Rules, 1960. Office to place this matter before the learned Single Judge.

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[M. S. KARNIK, J.]

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[V. M. KANADE, J.]

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