

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 30 OF 2017

Pradeep Joshi	.. Petitioner
V/s	
Union of India & Ors.	.. Respondents

Ms. Vrushali Penkar i/b Mr. Bhushan Walimbe for the petitioner.
Mr. A.P. Vanarse, AGP for the State.
Mr. Ashish Pawar with Mr. Manoj Patil for respondent nos.6, 7 and 8.

**CORAM: DR. MANJULA CHELLUR, CJ. &
N.M. JAMDAR, J.**

DATE : 21st JULY 2017

P.C.:

On earlier occasion, Writ Petition No.8645 of 2013 came to be disposed of which was heard along with PIL No.75 of 2011. However, in PIL No.75 of 2011, Rule came to be issued and the same is pending.

2. In PIL No.75 of 2011, the challenge is with regard to banning the practice adopted by villagers of Battis Shirala during the Nag Panchami Festival. Since the prayers in the said PIL are quite contra to the prayers in the present PIL, the course open to the petitioner is to implead himself in the pending PIL No.75 of 2011 so

that the *lis* raised in both the Public Interest Litigations can be dealt with together and disposed of on merits.

3. With these observations and liberty reserved to the petitioner, the PIL is disposed of.

(N.M. JAMDAR, J.)

CHIEF JUSTICE