

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

16 WRIT PETITION NO.5189 OF 2019

**RAMDAS PUNJAJI IDOLE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

with
17 WRIT PETITION NO.5205 OF 2019

**VITTHAL SANTOSH HAJARE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

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Advocate for Petitioner : Mr. Shinde Dhananjay M.
AGP for Respondents/State : Mr. K.B. Jadhavar & Mrs. M.A. Deshpande
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**CORAM : S.V. GANGAPURWALA &
MANGESH S. PATIL, JJ.
DATE : 12.06.2019**

PC. :-

The present petitions are considered only to the extent of release of vehicles. It is submitted that the vehicles are seized by the Circle Officer.

2. It has been held by this Court in catena of matters that the seizure of vehicle by an officer below the rank of Tahsildar is illegal.
3. We have also heard the learned A.G.P.
4. In light of that we pass the following order:

ORDER

- a) The respondents shall release the vehicles seized under the impugned panchanama dated 12.03.2019 (Exhibit-B) upon verifying the documents and confirming about the ownership of the respective petitioners and the respective petitioners executing the necessary bond to the satisfaction of the respondents.
- b) Writ petitions are disposed of. No costs.

[MANGESH S. PATIL, J.]**[S.V. GANGAPURWALA, J.]**