

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CIVIL APPLICATION NO.15 OF 2012
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.210 of 2010**

Bhrashtachar Virodhi Jan Aandolan	.. Petitioner
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra & ors	.. Respondents
And	
Rajendra Ganpat Shelke	.. Applicant

WITH

**CIVIL APPLICATION NO.249 OF 2013
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.210 of 2010**

Bhrashtachar Virodhi Jan Aandolan	.. Petitioner
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra & ors	.. Respondents
And	
Helik Advisory Limited	.. Applicant

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None for the applicant in CAI No. 249 of 2013.

Mr.Vijay Killedar for the applicant in CAI 15 of 2012.

Mr.P.P. Kakade, G.P with Mr.K.S. Thorat, AGP for respondent nos.1 to 5.

Dr.G.R. Sharma, Spl. Counsel with Mr.D.P. Singh with S. Phatak for respondent no.6 – UOI.

**CORAM: PRADEEP NANDRAJOG, C.J.
AND BHARATI DANGRE, J.**

DATED : 13th August 2019

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1 The Public Interest Litigation highlights ghost persons availing benefits under the Public Distribution System by obtaining fraudulent ration cards.

2 The prayer made in the Writ Petition is that an inquiry be conducted and ghost beneficiaries be weeded out from the Public Distribution System. Vide Civil Application No.15/12, the then Tahsildar of the area in respect whereof it is pleaded ghost beneficiaries being registered seeks impleadment and vide Civil Application No.249 of 2013, a Company named Helix Advisory Limited seeks impleadment informing that they have developed a software which can detect bogus beneficiaries under the Food Distribution System.

2 We would have allowed the first application for the reason the applicant has shown a right to be impleaded as a respondent in the writ petition on account of the averments made in the Writ Petition but would have dismissed the second application for the reason with the advent of computerization today, there have been improvements in the Public Distribution

System, Aadhar linkage has also resulted in weeding out of ghost beneficiaries. But, since we are disposing of the Public Interest Litigation itself today, we dispose of both applications as infructuous.

SMT. BHARATI DANGRE, J

CHIEF JUSTICE