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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 10352 OF 2018
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 10359 OF 2018
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 10730 OF 20189

Makarand Baburao Ghodake .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. .. Respondents

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- Mr. Tejas R. Pawar i/by Preeti Walimbe for the Petitioner
 - Mr. P.G. Sawant, AGP for the State in WP in 10359/18 and 10352/18
 - Ms. P.N. Diwan, AGP for State in WP 10730/18
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CORAM : AKIL KURESHI &
S.J. KATHAWALLA, JJ.

DATE : OCTOBER 16, 2019.

P.C.:

1. These petitions arise in common background. The petitioner has challenged three separate orders passed by the State Information Commission imposing penalty of Rs. 25,000/- each on the petitioner for delayed supply of documents to respondent No. 4. It is stated at bar that such documents were duly supplied, however, there was some delay in the process due to which the impugned orders came

to be passed.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that at the relevant time, the petitioner was holding additional charge as Public Information Officer. Due to overload of work, he could not supply the documents in time. He, however, tendered apology to the Court.

3. Considering the facts on record, we spare the cost imposed on the petitioner. We record that respondent No. 4 though served, no one appeared for him. Under these circumstances, the impugned orders dated 24.11.2017, 01.03.2018 as well as 01.06.2018 are set aside.

4. The petitions are allowed and disposed of accordingly.

[S.J. KATHAWALLA, J.]

[AKIL KURESHI, J]