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

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 129 OF 2023

Owais Anwar Pechkar

.. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

.. Respondents

Mr. Owais Anwar Pechkar, petitioner-in-person, present.

Mr. P. P. Kakade, Government Pleader a/w Mr. M. M. Pabale,
AGP for respondent no.1-State.Mr. Nitesh Bhutekar a/w Mr. Aniket Nangare for respondent
nos.2 to 6.

**CORAM: DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA, CJ. &
ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.**

DATE: 31st AUGUST, 2023

P.C.:

1. Heard the petitioner-in-person and Shri Nitesh Bhutekar, learned counsel representing the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation").

2. Having regard to the facts presented before us in this Public Interest Litigation petition, we noticed, in our earlier order dated 18th August, 2023, that they were concerned in respect of delay being caused in constructing the Bus Stands at Ratnagiri, Lanja and Chiplun in Ratnagiri District. The work relating to construction of Bus Stands at these places ought to have been completed much earlier, however, it appears that on account of several factors, some of which can be attributed

to lack of interest on the part of the authorities of the Corporation, the construction could not be completed.

3. We, thus, required by our order dated 18th August, 2023 that an affidavit be filed by the Managing Director of the Corporation giving timeline for completion of construction work of all the three Bus Stands. We had also required that the Managing Director of the Corporation while chalking out the timeline for completion of construction of the Bus Stands, shall also take into account the fact that adequate facilities of Bus Stand are not available at the said places since long and accordingly the facilities are required to be provided at the earliest possible.

4. In deference to our order dated 18th August, 2023, an affidavit has been filed by the Vice Chairman and Managing Director of the Corporation giving reasons why the construction work could not be completed in time. In paragraph 6 of the said affidavit timeline for completion of work at different Bus Stands has also been given. Paragraph 6 of the said affidavit is extracted herein-below:

“6. In view of the directions of Hon’ble Court I submit a roadmap giving timeline for completing of reconstruction work all the three Bus Depot in Ratnagiri District.

Timeline For The Work of Construction of Lanja Bus Station

Particular	Required Time period in months
1. Project Revised Approvals	Up to 31 st August 2023
2. Tender Publication	Up to 15 th Sept 2023

3. Tender Acceptance, Scrutiny & Evaluation	Up to 30 th Oct 2023
4. Issue of Work order & Agreement	Up to 30 th Nov 2023
5. Work Commencement of, substructure construction finishing, Column Superstructure	Up to 1 March 2024
6. Floor beam & 1 st Slab	Up to 30 th June 2024
7. Brick work, Internal Plaster, External Plaster, flooring, window Door Fitting, Painting etc. other Internal works	Up to 28 th Feb 2025
Work will be completed in February 2025	
Total	Twenty Months

Timeline For The Work of Construction of Ratnagiri Bus Station

Particular	Required Time period in months
1. Termination of Current Contract	Up to 30 th Sept 2023
2. Project Approvals	Up to 30 th Oct 2023
3. Tender Publication	Up to 30 th Nov 2023
4. Tender Acceptance, Scrutiny & Evaluation	Up to 31 st Dec. 2023
5. Issue of Work order & Agreement	Up to 15 th Jan 2024
6. work Commencement of, substructure construction finishing, Column Superstructure	Up to 15 th May 2024
7. Floor beam & 1 st Slab	Up to 30 th Aug 2024
8. 2 nd Slab	Up to 01 st Jan 2025

9. 3 rd Slab	Up to 30 th March 2025
10. Brick work, Internal Plaster, External Plaster, flooring, window Door Fitting, Painting etc. other Internal works	Up to 15 th Jan 2026
Work will be completed in January 2026	
Total	Thirty Months

Timeline For The Work of Construction of Chiplun Bus Station

Particular	Required Time period in months
1. Work Commencement substructure construction finishing, Column Superstructure, Floor beam	Completed
2. Slab Casting	Up to 30 th Nov 2023
3. Brick work, Internal Plaster, External Plaster, flooring window Door Fitting, painting etc. other Internal works, Developing and Hardening	Up to 30 th April 2024
Work will be completed in April 2024	
Total	Twenty four Months

5. On perusal of the timeline given by the Corporation for completion of construction work, what we find is that the time period can be reduced, however, such reduction of time needs to be considered by the authorities of the Corporation.

6. We, thus, dispose of the PIL petition with a direction to the Corporation to complete the construction of the Bus Stands at the above places at the earliest. The authorities of

the Corporation shall revisit the timeline as disclosed in the affidavit filed today by the Vice Chairman and Managing Director of the Corporation.

7. In any case, the construction work shall be completed well within the timeline as disclosed in the said affidavit. The authorities, as observed above, shall make all possible endeavours to reduce the time period which may be needed for completion of the construction work.

(ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.)

(CHIEF JUSTICE)

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