



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 10172 OF 2024

**KAILAS TARACHAND PATIL
VERSUS
THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AND OTHERS**

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Mr. S. P. Tiwari, Advocate for the Petitioner
Mr. N. S. Tekale, AGP for the Respondent – State
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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND
Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.**

DATE : 19.09.2024

PER COURT :-

1. The Petitioner has approached the State Information Commissioner with a Second Appeal dated 18.07.2024, under Section 20 of the Right to Information Act. Within 40 days, a Writ of Mandamus is filed before us seeking a direction to the State Information Commissioner to decide the pending proceedings, out of turn.

2. All litigants are equal before the law. All are in queue for a decision in their respective proceedings. Merely because the

Petitioner can approach the High Court, does not mean that the High Court can issue a Writ of Mandamus to decide the pending proceeding of the Petitioner, out of turn and by jumping the queue.

3. In view of the above, **this Writ Petition is disposed off**. Let the State Information Commissioner deal with the application of the Petitioner under Section 20, considering the date of lodging and in queue with pending applications.

[Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.]

[RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.]

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