

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

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 29 OF 2021**

Dinanath Manik Katkar ... Petitioner  
Vs.  
State of Maharashtra, through it's  
Chief Secretary, Government of  
Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Sujeet R. Bugade for the Petitioner.

Mr. P. P. Kakade, GP with Mr. O. A. Chandurkar, Addl. GP with  
Mrs. G. R. Raghuvanshi, AGP for Respondent Nos.1 to 4, 6 and  
7-State.

Mr. Jagdish G. Aradwad (Reddy) for Respondent No.8.

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

**DATE : 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**P.C. :**

Heard learned Counsel representing the Petitioner,  
learned Government Pleader representing the Respondent-State  
and learned Counsel representing the Respondent-Barshi  
Municipal Council.

2. By filing this Public Interest Litigation Petition, a prayer has been made to constitute some inquiry committee for hearing the Complaint dated 09<sup>th</sup> December 2020 made by the Petitioner, which has been annexed as Exhibit-B to the Writ Petition.

3. When we examine the Complaint/Representation dated 09<sup>th</sup> December 2020, which has been annexed as Exhibit-B to the Petition, what we find is that the same has been made to every authority except the Chief Officer, Barshi Municipal Council. Since the subject matter of the complaint is situated within the municipal limits of Barshi Municipal Council, the Petitioner ought to have taken up his grievance with the Chief Officer of the said Municipal Council before filing this Petition.

4. In view of the aforesaid, we dispose of this Public Interest Litigation Petition with a liberty to the Petitioner to approach Respondent No.8 seeking redressal of his grievance, by way of making a fresh Representation within a fortnight from today. If such Representation is made, the same shall be

considered and appropriate decision shall be taken, which may be warranted under the law within eight weeks thereafter.

5. The decision so taken by Respondent No.8 on the Representation preferred by the Petitioner under this order shall be communicated to him.

**(ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.)**

**(CHIEF JUSTICE)**