

Jvs.

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

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 3 OF 2024

Prof. Dr. Nikhil D. Datar & Ors.	}	Petitioners
		versus
State of Maharashtra & Ors.	}	Respondents

Dr. Nikhil D. Datar, petitioner no. 1 in-person.

Mr. P. P. Kakade, Government Pleader with Mr. O. A. Chandurkar, Additional Government Pleader and Mr. V. M. Mali, AGP for respondents 1 to 4 (State).

Mr. R. Y. Sirsikar for respondent no. 5 (BMC).

Mr. Y. R. Mishra for respondent no. 6 (UoI).

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

DATE: 12th JANUARY 2024

P.C.:

1. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 8th March 2024.

2. Learned Government Pleader puts in appearance on behalf of respondents 1, 2, 3 and 4 (State) and waives service of notice, Mr. Sirsikar, learned counsel, puts in appearance on behalf of respondent no. 5 and waives service of notice and Mr. Mishra, learned counsel, puts in appearance on behalf of respondent no. 6 and waives service of notice.

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3. Let affidavit in reply be filed by the respondents within 6 (six) weeks after serving a copy thereof upon the petitioner no. 1, who appears in-person. Two weeks' time thereafter shall be available to the petitioners to file rejoinder affidavit, if any.

4. Stand over to **8th March 2024**.

(ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.)

(CHIEF JUSTICE)