

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

WRIT PETITION NO.861 OF 2024

Panchnath Shivram Uddansinh ... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Panchnath Shivram Uddansinh, Petitioner-in-person.

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Mrs. Shruti Vyas, Addl. G. P. a/w. Ms. P. N. Diwan, AGP for State.

**CORAM: G. S. KULKARNI &
FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, JJ.
DATED: 19th JANUARY, 2024**

P.C.

1. The Petitioner intends to argue this Petition in person. However, considering the nature of proceedings, we are of the opinion that he should appoint an Advocate. However, he has given certain reasons as to why he could not appoint an Advocate. We are of the opinion that Ms. Parisha M. Shah, Solicitor, be appointed as Amicus Curiae to assist the Court in the adjudication of the present proceedings. In addition to the submission which the learned Amicus will make, we are also open to hearing the Petitioner, if he intends to make any additional submissions.
2. Copy of the Petition be served on the Respondents. Respondents are directed to file Reply Affidavit to the Petition on or before the returnable date, copy of which be served on the Petitioner.
3. As a constitutional provision is assailed, issue notice to the Advocate General returnable on 21st February 2024.

4. Stand over to 21st February 2024.

(FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.)

(G. S. KULKARNI, J.)