

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 7960 OF 2024

Ravindra Sudam Adhikari and Anr. ...Petitioners
Versus
Competent Authority (Express way)/
Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Division Palghar and Ors. ...Respondents

Ms. Neeta Karnik, Senior Advocate i/b. Sharwari Lopes, for the Petitioners.
Mr. A.I. Patel, Addl. G.P., for the Respondent No.1 - State.

**CORAM : G. S. KULKARNI &
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, JJ.**

DATE : 5 DECEMBER 2024

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P.C.:

1. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 12 December 2024.
2. Learned Mr. Patel, AGP waives service for the respondent No.1.
Permission to the Advocate for the petitioner to serve the respondent
Nos.2 to 7 by private service and by all permissible modes to place on
record affidavit of service.
3. In the event despite service, the respondents are not represented,
the Court shall proceed to hear the appearing parties and pass appropriate
orders.
4. Let a copy of the this order be also forwarded along with a notice to
be issued by the Advocate for the petitioner to the respondents.

Considering the nature of the grievance as made by the petitioners, we direct respondent No.1 to place on record a reply affidavit, which in our opinion ought to have been filed long back. There shall not be a further extension in this regard. The other respondents are also permitted to file their reply affidavit, if they so desire.

5. Stand over to **12 December 2024 'High on Board'**.
6. Parties to act upon authenticated copy of this order.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[G. S. KULKARNI, J.]