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

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 72 OF 2024**

**Dr. Pravin Limbaji Rathod**

**.. Petitioner**

**Versus**

**The State of Maharashtra & Ors.**

**.. Respondents**

Mr. Tejas Deshmukh a/w Mr. Akshay Shinde for petitioner.

Mr. P. P. Kakade, Government Pleader with Mr. O. A. Chandurkar, Addl. Govt. Pleader and Mrs. G. R. Raghuwanshi, AGP for respondent no.1-State.

Ms. Varsha Gangawane i/by Amit Karkhanis for respondent no.3.

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**CORAM: DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA, CJ. &  
AMIT BORKAR, J.**

**DATE: 11<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2024**

**P.C.:**

- 1.** Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on **14<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.**
- 2.** Learned Government Pleader appears and waives service of notice for respondent no.1.
- 3.** Let an affidavit be filed by the respondent no.1 indicating the reasons as to why steps have not been taken to constitute the Maharashtra Medical Council in terms of the provisions contained in Section 3 of the Maharashtra Medical Council Act, 1965 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1965"), though the earlier term of the Council had expired long back on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. The affidavit to be filed by

respondent no.1 under this order shall also indicate as to whether the notification dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 is referable to Section 31(1) or Section 31(2) of the Act of 1965.

**(AMIT BORKAR, J.)**

**(CHIEF JUSTICE)**