



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

ELECTION PETITION NO. 1 OF 2025

Anil Umrao Gote @ Anil Anna Gote

.. Petitioner

Versus

The Election Commission of India and others

.. Respondents

Mr. P. R. Katneshwarkar, Senior Advocate i/by K. B. Jadhav, Advocate
for the Petitioner (through V.C.).

Mr. Alok Sharma, Senior Standing Counsel for respondent No. 1.

CORAM : KISHORE C. SANT, J.

DATED : 24th JANUARY, 2025.

P C. :-

1. Heard for some time.

2. The petition challenges the election of respondent No. 3 on the grounds that, in the speeches the appeal was made to the voters on the ground of religion and secondly, that to attract the voters utensils were distributed when the model code of conduct was in force. It is alleged that, this amounts to violation of Section 123 (1) and 123 (iii) of the Representation of the Peoples Act.

3. Issue notice to respondents, returnable on 14.02.2025.

Mr. Sharma, learned senior advocate accepts notice for respondent No. 1. Hamdast allowed.

(KISHORE C. SANT, J.)

P.S.B.