

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 1994 OF 2024

Union of India

..Petitioner

Vs.

Lt. Col. Sk. Rathodre Deceased,
through his widow Collen. Rathore

..Respondent

WITH

WRIT PETITION NOs. 2017 OF 2024, 2021 OF 2024, 2020 OF 2024,
2022 OF 2024, 2013 OF 2024, 2016 OF 2024, 2015 OF 2024,
2010 OF 2024, 2011 OF 2024, 6895 OF 2025, 6896 OF 2025,
6897 OF 2025, 6898 OF 2025, 6899 OF 2025, 1993 OF 2024,
4097 OF 2025, 4095 OF 2025, 3811 OF 2025, 4094 OF 2025,
2012 OF 2024, 2018 OF 2024, 2023 OF 2024, 4096 OF 2025
3823 OF 2025, 2122 OF 2024, 2025 OF 2024, 4172 OF 2024,
17380 OF 2024, (ST) 5799 OF 2025, 6541 OF 2024, 17382 OF 2024
10754 OF 2025, 4201 OF 2025, 3018 OF 2025, 10965 OF 2025,
3019 OF 2025, (ST) 18223 OF 2025, 10967 OF 2025,
10969 OF 2025, 10964 OF 2025, (ST) 25447 OF 2025
12968 OF 2025, (ST) 25583 OF 2025, 10968 OF 2025,
12969 OF 2025, (ST) 27181 OF 2025, (ST) 28195 OF 2025,
(ST) 28336 OF 2025, 18057 OF 2024, (ST) 29309 OF 2025,
(ST) 28445 OF 2024, (ST) 31522 OF 2024, 19049 OF 2024
6900 OF 2025, 1990 OF 2024, 2575 OF 2025, 1992 OF 2024,
2009 OF 2024

**ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 4362 OF 2024**

Union of India & Anr.

.. Petitioners

Vs.

K. V. Santosh

.. Respondent

WITH

WRIT PETITION Nos.2802 OF 2024, 2810 OF 2024, (L) 3899 OF
2024, (L) 29059 OF 2024, (L) 30051 OF 2024, (L) 30784 OF 2024,
2468 OF 2024, (L) 39025 OF 2024, (L) 39038 OF 2024

Mr. Amarendra Mishra, Advocate for the Petitioner- UOI in
WP Nos. 6895/2025, 6896/2025, 6897/2025, 6898/2025,

6899/2025, 1993/2024,4097/ 2025, 17380/ 2024, 17382/2024, 10754/2025, 10965/2025, 10967/2025, 10969/2025, 12968/2025, 10968/2025, 12969/2025, 2009/2024, 19049/24, 6900/2025, 1994/2024, 1990/2024, 1992/ 2024, WP/10964/2025 and WPST Nos. 5799/2025, 25583/2025, 27181/2025 & 29309/2025.

Mr. Amarendra Mishra a/w Adv Anusha Amin, Advocates for the Petitioner in WP/2017/2024, WP/2021/2024, WP/2020/2024, WP/2022/2024, WP/2013/2024, WP/2016/2024, WP/2015/2024, WP/2010/2024 & WP/2011/2024.

Mr. Sagar Batavia, Advocate for the Respondent in WP/10964/2025.

Mr. Niranjana Shimpi, Advocate for the Petitioner in WP/4201/2025.

Mr. Satendra Kumar, Advocate for the Respondent in WP Nos.2020/2024, 3823/2025, 3019/2025, 10967/2025, Writ Petition (ST.) Nos. 27181/2025, 10968/2025, ST.28445/2025 1994/2024, 1992/2024, 4362/202, 2810/2024 & 2122/2024.

Mr. Akshay Patil a/w. Mr. Satendra Kumar, Advocates for the Respondent in WP/1994/2024

Mr. Angsuman Ojha, Advocate for the Respondent in WP Nos. 2016/2024, 1993/2024, 2012/2024 & 6899/2025.

Mr. Mahadevan Anand, Advocate for the Respondent in WP Nos.2022/2024, 1990/2024, 3018/2025, & WPSt/28336/2025.

Mr. Dinesh Kumar Bishnoi. Advocate for the Respondent in WP Nos.2010/2024 & 2011/2024.

Ms. Anamika Malhotra, Advocate for the Petitioner in WP Nos.4095/2025, 3811/2025, 4094/2025, 2012/2024,2018/2024, 2023/2024,4096/2025, 3823/2025, 2025/2024, 4172/2024, 6541/2024, 3018/2025, 3019/2025,18057/2024, 2575/2025, 2122/2024 AND WP (St) Nos.18223/2025, 25447/2025, 28195/2025, 28336/2025 & 31522/2024.

Mr. Sagar.S. Ambedkar a/w Ms.Disha Nidre, Advocates for the Petitioner in WP (St)/28445/2024.

Mr. Yogendra Pratap Singh, Advocate for the Respondent in WP Nos.2015/24, 4097/2025, 3811/2025, 2018/2024, 4096/2025, 6541/2024, 4201/2025, 10969/2025, 4094/2025, 6897/2025, 19457/2024 & WPST Nos. 28195/2025, 29309/25, 31522/2024 & 25447/2025.

Mr. Ranjeet Kumar Singh, Advocate for the Respondent in WP/6898/205, WP/12969/2025 & WP/4095/2025.

Mr. H.S.Verma, Advocate for the Respondent in WP Nos.4172/2024, 10965/2025 & WPSt No.5799/2025.

Mr. Dayashankar Pasi, Advocate Respondent party in person in WP/2575/2025.

Mr. Kedar Dighe, Advocate for the Petitioner in OS Writ Petition Nos.4362/2024, 2810/2024, 2802/2024, 2468/2024 and WP(L) No.3899/2024.

ORIGINAL SIDE MATTERS

Mr. Kedar Dighe, Advocate for the Petitioners in WP/4362/2024, WP/2810/2024, WP/2802/2024, WP/2468/2024 and WP(L)/3899/2024.

Mr. Amarendra Mishra, Senior Panel Counsel for the Petitioner in Writ Petition (L) Nos.29059/2024, 30051/2024, 30784/2024, 39025/2024 and 39038/2024.

Mr. Satendra Kumar, Advocate for Respondent in WP/2810/2024.

Mr. Ranjeet Kumar Singh, Advocate for the Respondent in Writ Petition (L) Nos.39038/2024 and 39025/2024.

Mr. Yogendra Pratap Singh a/w Ms. Vaishnavi Kushwah for the Respondent In Writ Petition No.2802/2024 and Writ Petition (L) Nos.3899/2024, 29059/2024, 30051/2024 and 30784/2024.

**CORAM : SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

DATE : 8th DECEMBER 2025

P.C. :

The compilation of documents tendered by Mr. Yogendra Pratap Singh, Mr. Satendra Kumar and Mr. Mahadevan Anand, the learned counsels for the respondents in the respective writ petitions tendered compilations of documents along with written submissions. The same are taken on record.

2. The judgment is reserved.

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]