

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 17094 OF 2024**

Mansukhlal Visranji Vira

Age : 72, Occ: Business;

Having his official address At, 161/A,
Modibaug, Shivsagar Co-Op. Society, C3,
Ganeshkhind Road, Pune -411016

...Petitioner

Versus

1. Maharashtra State Information Commission
(Pune), through the Registrar, having registered
address at New Administration Building, 4th Floor,
Opp. Council Hall, Pune, Maharashtra – 411001.
2. State Public Information Officer, Office
of Jt. Sub Registrar – Haveli No. 1,
having address at Tahsil Office Compound,
Shukrawar Peth, Pune, Maharashtra – 411002.
3. First Appellate Authority, Joint Divisional
Registrar, address at 5- Finance Road, Pune-411001.
4. State of Maharashtra, through Chief Secretary,
represented by the Officer of the Government Pleader,
Appellate Side, High Court of Judicature at Bombay ...Respondents

Adv. Hamza Lakdawala, for the Petitioner.

Adv. V.R. Raje, AGP for State.

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

DATE : 11 FEBRUARY 2025

P. C. :

1. This petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India
praying for the following substantive relief:-

*“A. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate
writ, order, or direction to the Respondent No. 1 to hear
and dispose the revised Second Appeal [Exhibit K @ Page*

No. 55 to 67] filed by the Petitioner under Section 19(30 of the Right to Information Act, 2005;”

Mr. Hamza Lakdawala, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is praying for the aforesaid limited relief.

2. There is no opposition on record on behalf of the respondents. Upon hearing Mr. Lakdawala, learned counsel for the petitioner, we find that the petitioner has filed a Second Appeal under section 19(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (“RTI Act” for short) which is pending adjudication before respondent no. 1. Such appeal needs to be decided expeditiously/adjudicated by respondent no. 1.

3. In the facts and circumstances of the present case, the following order will meet the ends of justice.

ORDER

- I) The respondent no.1 shall hear the second appeal filed by the petitioner under section 19(3) of the RTI Act as expeditiously as possible, not later than within a period of 6 weeks from the date of this order is made available to respondent no.1 in accordance with law.
- II) After hearing the parties on the second appeal, the respondent no. 1 shall pass order on merits in accordance with law.
- III) All contentions of the parties are expressly kept open.
- IV) Disposed of. No costs.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[G. S. KULKARNI, J.]