

Jvs.

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

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 63 OF 2024
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 15092 OF 2024**

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Prashant Raul & Ors.	}	Petitioners
Versus		
The Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation & Ors.	}	
	}	Respondents

Ms. Ronita Bhattacharya with Ms. Sejal Khan for petitioners.

Mr. Kedar Dighe for respondent no. 1 (PCMC).

Mr. Vijay D. Patil, Senior Advocate with Mr. Yogesh V. Patil for respondent no. 2.

Ms. Neha S. Bhide, Government Pleader with Mr. P. P. Kakade, Additional Government Pleader and Ms. G. R. Raghuwanshi, AGP for respondents 3, 5 & 6.

Mr. Pralhad Paranjape with Mr. Yash Tembe, Mr. Rahul Punjabi and Adv. Tirtha Pawar i/b. Mr. Rahul Punjabi for respondent no. 4.

Mr. Ashutosh Kumbhakoni, Senior Advocate with Mr. Akshay Shinde for respondent no. 7.

**CORAM: ALOK ARADHE, CJ. &
BHARATI DANGRE, J.**

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2025

P.C.:

1. In this PIL, the petitioners are aggrieved by the action of the respondents in stopping public access to Metro Eco Park, Akurdi, Ravet, Pune and also use of the land for the purpose of

construction requirement of the Chief Electoral Officer, Election Commission of India.

2. Learned senior counsel for respondent no. 7 (Election Commission of India), on instructions, submits that the aforesaid part of the plot in question, on which trees are planted, has been allotted to the Election Commission of India by the State for the purpose of storage of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM). It is fairly submitted by learned senior counsel that the respondent no. 7 is under an obligation to maintain the trees as they are situated within the premises in question.

3. Learned senior counsel for respondent no. 7 prays for three weeks' time to enable him to seek instructions and to file an affidavit.

4. List on **26th February 2025**.

(BHARATI DANGRE, J.)

(CHIEF JUSTICE)