

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 2247 OF 2025

Paskamary Sattyaseelan Chetty
(Nee: Paskamary D.) ... Petitioner
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

AND

WRIT PETITION NO. 2250 OF 2025

Rudvi Rakesh Bhowad
(Nee: Reshma Prakash Goriwale) ... Petitioner
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr.Prashant Bhavake for the Petitioner in both the Petitions.
Mrs.N.M.Mehra, AGP for Respondent Nos. 1 to 5, State in WP
No.2247 of 2025
Ms.D.S.Deshmukh, AGP for Respondent Nos. 1 to 5, State in WP
No. 2250 of 2025.
Mr.Rajendra B. Khaire i/b. Mr.Utkarsh Desai for Respondent Nos. 6
and 7 in both the Petitions.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
ASHWIN D. BHOBE, JJ.**

DATE : 26TH MARCH, 2025

P.C. :-

1. In hundreds of matters, we have noticed that when we passed an order by issuing notice to the Respondents and marked the presence of the learned AGP on behalf of the State, we observed that the reply be filed, at least, one week prior to the returnable date.
2. To enable the State to have sufficient time to file a

reply, we normally make the notice returnable after around 5 to 6 weeks. The purpose behind doing so is to ensure that the reply is filed with a sufficient time span to prepare it and the matter is not kept lingering in our Court, since the hearing is obstructed by the non-filing of the reply.

3. The State is one of the biggest litigant before the Court. Despite our above directions, replies are not filed. Time and again, we keep on granting adjournments and the matters are adjourned beyond 3 to 6 months. The above aspect needs to be dealt with by a responsible Officer of the State Government. Let this order be brought to the notice of the learned Advocate General.

4. List these Petitions on **28th March, 2025**.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)