

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 4834 OF 2025

M/s. Ashwinita Gas Company
Through its Partner & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

Union of India
Through its Secretary,
Ministry of Petroleum And Natural Gas & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4838 OF 2025

Madhuri Adhalrao & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

Union of India
Through The Ministry of Petroleum And
Natural Gas & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4607 OF 2025

M/s. Padekar Gas Service
Through its Partner Mr. Ojas Padekar & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

Union of India
Through The Ministry of Petroleum And
Natural Gas & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4651 OF 2025

Digvijay Gas Agency
Through its Partners & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

Union of India
Through its Secretary,
Ministry of Petroleum And Natural Gas & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 4682 OF 2025

Shailaja R. Khanvikar & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

The Union of India
Through The Ministry of Petroleum And
Natural Gas & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 4258 OF 2025

Mahajan Concerns
Through its Partners & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus

Union of India
Through its Secretary,
Ministry of Petroleum And Natural Gas & Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Drupad S. Patil a/w Mr. Balasaheb G. Ligade for the Petitioners in WP/4834/2025.

Mr. Saket Mone a/w Mr. Subit Chakrabarti, Ms. Khushnumah Banerjee, Mr. Raghav Taneja & Mr. Bhupen Garud for the Petitioners in WP/4838/2025 & WP/4607/2025.

Mr. Surel Shah, Senior Advocate i/b Mr. Vishwajeet Mohite & Mr. Vikram Kulkarni for the Petitioners in WP/4651/2025.

Dr. Milind Sathe, Sr. Advocate a/w Mr. Saket More, Mr. Subit Chakrabarti, Ms. Khushnumah Banerjee & Mr. Raghav Taneja for the Petitioners in WP/4682/2025.

Mr. Sanjeev Kadam, Sr. Advocate a/w Mr. Ketan V. Joshi, Mr. Vikram Kulkarni for the Petitioners in WP/4258/2025.

Ms. Naveena Kumai for Respondent No. 1/UOI in WP/4834/2025, WP/4838/2025, WP/4607/2025, WP/4651/2025, WP/4682/2025 & WP/4258/2025.

Dr. Birendra Saraf, Sr. Advocate a/w Mr. Amol Bavare, Mr. R. V. Pawar & Mr. Krishnan Iyer i/b Pragnya Legal for Respondent-Petroleum and Oil Corporation Ltd. in WP/4834/2025, WP/4838/2025, WP/4607/2025, WP/4651/2025, WP/4682/2025 & WP/4258/2025.

Mr. Sunil Gangan a/w Mr. Shrikant Seegarla, Mr. Swapnil Shikhare & Mr. Siddharth Shibu i/b RMG Law Associates for Respondent Nos. 2 & 3 in WP/4834/2025 & WP/4258/2025 and for Respondent Nos. 4 to 7 in WP/4838/2025, WP/4607/2025 & WP/4682/2025.

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

DATE : 9 APRIL 2025

P.C. :

1. Permission to delete Petitioner Nos. 8 & 9 in Writ Petition Nos. 4838 of 2025, 4607 of 2025, 4651 of 2025 & 4258 of 2025 is granted. Let the amendment be carried out within one week from today.
2. Let reply-affidavit to the petition be placed on record within three weeks from today.
3. Insofar as ad-interim protection sought by the Petitioners are concerned, our attention is drawn to an order dated 7 April 2025 passed by the Division Bench of this Court at Nagpur in the case of *M/s. Megha Indane and Others V/s. Union of India and Others*¹, whereby while adjourning the proceedings an ad-interim order has been granted to the effect that the operation of the impugned policy dated 21 February 2025 has been stayed. In our opinion, similar orders are required to be passed in the present proceedings. Thus till the adjourned date of hearing, the impugned policy dated 21 February 2025 insofar as it may be made applicable to the Petitioners shall remain stayed.
4. Dr. Saraf, learned Advocate General appearing for the Petroleum and Oil Corporation Ltd. would submit that as the Writ Petitions are filed before other Benches of this Court, his clients would intend to move appropriate proceedings for clubbing all the proceedings to be heard at one Bench.
5. Stand over to **30 April 2025**.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[G. S. KULKARNI, J.]

¹ Writ Petition No. 1885 of 2025.