

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 27 OF 2025**

Chauhan Foundation through its  
President Jagdish B. Chauhan ...Petitioner

**Vs.**

Dahanu Municipal Council through  
its Chief Officer & Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Arjun Kadam for Petitioner.

Mr. O. A. Chandurkar, Addl GP with Mrs. G. R. Raghuwanshi, AGP for  
Respondent No.3.

**CORAM : ALOK ARADHE, CJ. &  
ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.**

**DATE : 18TH FEBRUARY, 2025**

**PC.:-**

1 This petition, filed as public interest litigation, challenges the order dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 passed by the Chief Officer of the Dahanu Municipal Council, by which permission to fell 777 trees has been granted in purported exercise of powers under Section 8(2) of the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection and Preservation of Trees Act 1975 (the Act of 1975).

2 The Learned Counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the impugned order has been passed in flagrant violation of the procedures prescribed under Section 8 of the Act of 1975. The time line indicated in the said provision has not been adhered to.

3 Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

4 Learned Additional Government Pleader appears for the Respondent No.3 and waives service of notice.

5 In the meanwhile, it is directed that the trees shall not be fell until further orders of this court.

**(ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.)**

**(CHIEF JUSTICE)**