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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 38 OF 2025

Amogh Ghaisas

... Petitioner

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra through
Ministry of Co-operation Marketing and Textiles

... Respondent

Mr. Amogh Ghaisas, Petitioner-in-person present

Mr. Vikram Purshurami, AGP for Respondent - State

**CORAM : ALOK ARADHE, CJ. AND
SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.**

DATE : 17 JUNE 2025

P.C. :

1. The Petitioner is a Chartered Accountant. The Petitioner, in this Public Interest Litigation has assailed the validity of Section 154(B)(13) introduced in the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960 with effect from 9th October 2019 on the ground that the same is unconstitutional.

2. Admittedly, the Petitioner is not an aggrieved person. Therefore, at his instance, we are not inclined to examine the validity of the statutory provision in a Public Interest Litigation. However, the issue with regard to

the validity of Section 154(B)(13) introduced with effect from 9th October 2019 in Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960 is kept open to be agitated in an appropriate proceedings.

3. With the aforesaid liberty, the Public Interest Litigation is disposed of.

(SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.)

(CHIEF JUSTICE)