IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 5765 OF 2025

Manoj Mohan Chavan ...Petitioner
Versus
The State Of Maharashtra And Ors. ...Respondents

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Nutan Hanmant Sawant And Ors. ...Petitioners
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Adv. Pradeep Gole, for Petitioner.
Mr. Vaibhav Gaikwad a/w Mr. Ganesh Tikole, for the Respondents.
Mr. S. B. Kalel, AGP for the Respondent-State in WP/5765/2025.
Mr. V. M. Mali, AGP for the Respondent-State in WP/5766/2025.
Mr. Surel Shah Senior Advocate, Amicus Curiae.

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CORAM : MADHAV J. JAMDAR &
PRAVIN S. PATIL, JJ.

DATE : 27th MARCH, 2026.

P.C. :

1. As one of the arguments concerns the interpretation of the amendment to Section 3 of the Maharashtra Temporary Extension of Period for Submitting Validity Certificate (for certain elections to Village Panchayats, Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis) Act, 2023, as

introduced by the Maharashtra Temporary Extension of Period for Submitting Validity Certificate (for certain elections to Village Panchayats, Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis) Ordinance, 2025, we appoint Mr. Surel Shah, learned Senior Counsel, along with Mr. Nikhil Adkine, learned counsel, as *Amicus Curiae* to assist the Court.

2. Stand over to 30th March 2026 at 2:30 p.m..

[PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.] **[MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.]**