

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 16 OF 2026

Seema Ramdas Patil
And Ors

...Petitioners

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra Thr Its Chief
Secretary, Government Of Maharashtra And Ors

...Respondents

Mr. Asim Sarode (Through VC) a/w. Mr. Saklen Mujawar, Advocate for
petitioners.

Mr. Avinash Naik, AGP for respondents-State.

Coram : Madhav J. Jamdar &
Pravin S. Patil, JJ.

Date : April 20, 2026.

P. C. :

1. Heard Mr. Sarode, learned counsel for petitioners and Mr. Naik, learned AGP for respondents-State.
2. Learned AGP appears for the respondents-State and waives service on their behalf.
3. One of the reliefs sought in the present Public Interest Litigation is a direction to the State Government to frame and notify the Rules under Section 11 of the Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human

Sacrifice and other Inhuman, Evil and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act, 2013.

4. It is the submission of the petitioners that practices prohibited under the said Act have come to light, indicating the use of such prohibited practices. The issue raised is of considerable importance.

5. The learned AGP shall file an affidavit in reply on or before 28th April 2026.

6. Stand over to 28th April 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

[Pravin S. Patil, J.]

[Madhav J. Jamdar, J.]