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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 118 OF 2025

Mr. Satyam Atul Surana ...Petitioner
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 7794 OF 2026
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 118 OF 2025

Mr. Ashok Mahadeo Sawant ...Applicant

IN THE MATTER BETWEEN

Satyam Atul Surana ...Petitioner
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

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Mr. Satyam Surana - Petitioner in person.
Smt. N. S. Bhide, GP a/w Mr. B. V. Samant, Addl. GP & Smt. P. J. Gavhane, AGP for the Respondent-State.
Ms. Krupali H. Rajani a/w Ms. Khushi Bangia, for the Respondent No.3.
Mr. Sandesh D. Inamdar Shinde a/w Mr. B. A. Lawate, for the Applicant in IA/7794/2026

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CORAM : MAHESH CHANDRA TRIPATHI, CJ. &
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.

DATE : 6th OCTOBER, 2026.

P.C.:

1. In response to the Order dated 22nd June, 2026 passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, the affidavit of

Deputy Secretary, Home Department i.e. Respondent No.2 is already on record, indicating that certain steps have been taken in response to the mandate of this Court. The Home Department has undertaken publication of public notices in widely circulated newspapers i.e. “Lokmat” (Marathi daily) on 30th April, 2026, “Navbharat” (Hindi daily) on 1st May, 2026 and “The Times of India” (English daily) on 30th April, 2026 and certain claims and details have also been furnished. However, the learned Counsel for the Petitioner submits that at the time of instituting the present Petition, total 136 exemplars were cited. Subsequently, there might be some additions.

2. The learned Counsel for the Petitioner further submitted that until date, the answering Respondent has not furnished entire details, which shows that the Respondents are lacking in *bona fides* in disbursement of the award/compensation in the light of Orders passed by the Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission.

3. We find that even though in response to the earlier Order dated 27th January, 2026, the affidavit of compliance is already on record, we further direct to the Respondent No.2 to file an Additional Affidavit indicating therein since filing of the

previous affidavit, what progress has been made. Accordingly, learned AGP is accorded four weeks' time to do the needful.

4. List this matter again on **25th November, 2026**.

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5. The learned Counsel for the Applicant in Interim Application, in support of his Interim Application submits that in response to the earlier Order dated 27th January, 2026, the compensation amount of Rs. 5 lakhs has been deposited with the Registry of this Court. The learned Additional Government Pleader fairly submits that he has no objection to release of the compensation amount in terms of the Order passed by the State Human Rights Commission on 19th September, 2019.

6. Accordingly, direction is issued to the Registry to release the amount forthwith in terms of said Order dated 19th September, 2019 (Supra), in case there is no other impediment. The learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that in response to the previous Order passed by this Court, the entire details in this regard, have been furnished to the Nodal Officer.

7. Accordingly, Registry is directed to do the needful within ten days from today.

8. The learned Counsel for the Human Rights Commission fairly submits that all the data/details *qua* the address and other details of the victims shall be provided to the State Government for necessary compliance in the light of the Order dated 22nd April, 2026.

9. With the above directions, Interim Application No. 7794 of 2026 is accordingly Disposed Of.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.] **[CHIEF JUSTICE]**