

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 119 OF 2021**

Melwyn Isidore Fernandes & Ors ...Petitioners

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors ...Respondents

**WITH
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 20 OF 2025**

Masjid Madarsa Anjuman Raza-e-mustafa ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors ...Respondents

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**CORAM: SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ &
SUMAN SHYAM, J.**

DATE: 20th FEBRUARY 2026

PC:-

The judgment in both public interest litigations is delivered in the open Court today in the presence of the learned counsels for the respective parties. Both public interest litigations are disposed of with certain observations and directions.

2. Let the original signed judgment be kept in the records.

(SUMAN SHYAM, J)

(CHIEF JUSTICE)