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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO. 16882 OF 2025

Venkateshwar Vasantrao Vedpathak ... Petitioner
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and ors. Respondents

Mr. Anshu Agrawal a/w Mr. Ankit Rathod, for the Petitioner.
Mr. Irvin D'souza a/w Mr. Vivek Thakre i/b Sugandh B. Deshmukh,
for the Respondent No.3.
Ms.Tanvi Devasthali i/b Mr.Sandeep Dere, for Respondent No.4.
Ms. Reena A. Salunkhe, AGP for Respondent-State.

**CORAM : M.S.KARNIK &
S.M.MODAK, JJ.**

DATE : 13th FEBRUARY 2026

P.C. :

1. In pursuance of the order passed by this Court, the respondents have taken a decision which is placed on record vide communication dated 11/02/2026 addressed by the State Government to the Commissioner, Food and Drug Department, Mumbai. We appreciate the proactive stand taken on behalf of the State Government. However, learned counsel for the petitioner has some reservation about the decision and therefore wishes to

place on record an additional affidavit in reply. The additional affidavit in reply to be filed in the office within a period of 1 week from today. Learned counsel for the petitioner assures that copies of the additional affidavit will be served on the respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner is in some personal difficulty and has filed a leave note. Accordingly list the matter on 04/03/2026.

(S.M.MODAK, J.)

(M.S.KARNIK, J.)