

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

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.1 OF 2026

Nikhil Datta Raut

.. Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra,

Through the Chief Secretary and Ors.

.. Respondents

Mr. Ranjeet U. Nair, i/by Mr. Prashant Kathde, Advocates for the Petitioner.

Mr. K.B. Dighe, Additional Government Pleader with Mr. S.P. Kamble, Assistant Government Pleader for Respondent Nos.1 to 4, 11, 12 and 26.

Ms. Jaya Bagwe, Advocate for Respondent Nos.5 and 6.

**CORAM : SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ. &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

DATE : 13TH JANUARY 2026.

P.C. :

On the request of the learned counsel for the petitioner, stand over to 27th January 2026, to be listed "High on Board".

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]