

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

WRIT PETITION NO.865 OF 2026

Prakash C. Mulchandani ... Petitioner

vs.

The Collector of Pune,
State Excise Department & Ors. ... Respondents

AND

WRIT PETITION NO. 866 OF 2026

Shashi Gurbux Pahilani ... Petitioner

vs.

The Collector of Pune,
State Excise Department & Ors. ... Respondents

AND

WRIT PETITION NO. 864 OF 2026

Gurbux Pahilani of Pune ... Petitioner

vs.

The Collector of Pune,
State Excise Department & Ors. ... Respondents

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Mrs.Veena Thadhani with Ms.Rutuja Gaikwad for the Petitioners in all Petitions.

Ms.D.S.Deshmukh, AGP for the Respondent – State in WP No. 865 of 2026.

Mrs. M.P. Thakur, AGP for the Respondent -State in WP No. 866 of 2026.

Mr. B.V.Samant, Addl.GP for the Respondent -State in WP No. 864 of 2026.

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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
ABHAY J. MANTRI, JJ.**

DATE : JANUARY 21, 2026

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1. In all these Petitions, the learned Advocate for the Petitioners submits that the responsible authority/officers of the State Excise Department, District Pune, can visit the shops and inspect the premises by opening the seals. The Petitioners would show all relevant documents which are required to be maintained under the various provisions of the statute, and an inspection report may be prepared. The Petitioners would sign on the inspection report and the inspection report can then be tendered to the Court.

2. Mrs. Thakur, the learned AGP, representing the Respondent-State, submits, on instructions, that the competent authority, along with their responsible team of officers, would visit the Petitioners' premises on **23.01.2026 at 11.00 a.m.** The Petitioners and their managers, officers, employees, and workers would also remain present.

3. Let the verification be carried out by the responsible officers, and after the report of each inspection is prepared with the signatures of the Petitioners, the reports would then be shown to the Court.

4. List these Petitions on **29.01.2026**, to be called out after the Pension Cases Board is over.

(ABHAY J.MANTRI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)