

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 6544 OF 2026

Vijay Govardhandas Rathod And Anr

...Petitioners

Versus

State Of Maharashtra And Ors

...Respondents

Adv. Dhauan Shah, a/w Adv. Viral Babar, i/b Adv. Sanjay Dhadam, for
Petitioners.

Adv. Ashwini A. Purav, AGP for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 - State.

CORAM : ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.

DATED : 12 MAY 2026

P.C.:-

(VACATION COURT)

1. Issue Notice to the Respondents.
2. Ms. Ashwini A. Purav, AGP wavier service for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2.
3. Mr. Shah, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner, states that all the Respondents, including Respondent No. 3, have been duly served. Let the affidavit of service be filed in this regard by the end of the day.
4. Despite service, it appears that none is representing and/or appearing

for Respondent No. 3.

5. Considering the nature of the petition and the reliefs sought therein at this stage against the impugned order dated 11 March 2026 passed by the Senior Citizen Tribunal, this Court considers it just, fair, and imperative to hear Respondent No. 3 before passing any further orders. It is noted that the impugned order dated 11 March 2026 was received by the Petitioner around that time, as fairly stated by the learned counsel for the Petitioner.

6. Considering all of the above, this Court considers it appropriate to grant an opportunity to the Petitioner to privately serve Respondent No. 3 once again through all permissible modes of private service and to file an affidavit of service in that regard, including service of a copy of this order passed today. It is only upon compliance with the above directions that the Court shall consider passing any order tomorrow, i.e. 13 May 2026.

7. Parties to act on authenticated copy of this order.

8. Stand over to **13 May 2026**.

(ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J)