

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**

**ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (L) NO.9228 OF 2021**

**Dhruti Kapadia & Another**

**...Petitioners**

**vs.**

**Union of India & Others.**

**...Respondents**

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Ms.Dhruti Kapadia with Mr. Kunal Tiwari, Petitioners-in-person are present.

Mr. Anil C. Singh, Addl.Solicitor General with Mr. A M Sethna, Mr. D P Singh and Yash Momaya i/b Mr. Gul Asnani for Respondent –Union of India.

Smt. Purnima Kantharia, Govt. Pleader with Ms. Geeta Shastri, Addl. G.P. for State

Mr.A.Y.Sakhare, Senior Advocate with Ms. K.H.Mastakar for the respondent - MCGM.

Mr. Abhijit Kulkarni, for Pune Municipal Corporation

Dr.M.V.Agarwal, Additional Commissioner, Universal Immunization Programme present.

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**CORAM :- DIPANKAR DATTA, CJ &  
G. S. KULKARNI, J.**

**DATE :- MAY 20, 2021.**

**P.C.:**

1. After extensive hearing, Mr. Anil Singh, Additional Solicitor General appearing for the Union of India assures that the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) shall look into the concern for

introduction of door to door vaccination for elderly and disabled citizens, who cannot step out from their homes for varying reasons and reach the vaccination centres, with the care, compassion, kindness and empathy they deserve, and that the decision of the NEGVAC shall be placed before us when we assemble next on **June 2, 2021** to consider this PIL petition.

2. Having regard to such assurance of Mr. Singh and expressing hope and trust that a positive decision would be arrived at in furtherance of the interests of such elderly and disabled citizens referred to above, we do not propose to make a detailed order upon examining the opinion of the Expert Committee dated May 15, 2021 (referred to at Annexure "D" of the note placed by Mr. Singh) as observed in the order passed yesterday. We only wish to observe that no segment of the society should feel neglected, while the nation marches ahead to vaccinate its citizens, and in the likely event of the NEGVAC deciding in favour of door to door vaccination for the elderly and disabled citizens, such policy may be circulated for implementation by the States without waiting for the orders of this Court.

3. We place on record that the Mumbai Municipal Corporation has placed an affidavit before us, in pursuance of the order passed yesterday, regretting its inability to introduce door to door vaccination unless and until the Central Government permits the same.

4. Stand over to **June 2, 2021**.

**(G. S. KULKARNI, J.)**

**(CHIEF JUSTICE)**