

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

**957 CRIMINAL PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.12 OF 2021**

MUNAWAR AHMED NAEEM AHMED  
VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Mr. A.S. Deshpande, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Mr. M.M. Nerlikar, A.P.P. for respondent – State.  
Mr. Sandeep Dere and Mr. R.A. Joshi,  
Advocates for respondent No. 3.

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CORAM : **V.K. JADHAV AND  
SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, JJ.**

DATE : 11-01-2022.

**ORDER :**

1. Heard.
2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, seeks leave to delete the name of respondent No. 5 from the array of respondents.
3. Leave to delete the name of respondent No. 5 from the array of respondents forthwith.
4. Respondent No.3 has already filed affidavit-in-reply. On the last date, we had expressed ourselves that we need to understand the stand of State of Maharashtra as to whether this Poker Game is a gambling or it is a game of skill. Learned A.P.P. seeks time to file affidavit-in-reply.

5. Learned Counsel appearing for respondent No. 3 has also instructions to appear for respondent No. 4. Respondent No.4 is one of the Operator.

6. Stand over to 08.02.2022.

**(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)**

**(V.K. JADHAV, J.)**

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