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

922 PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (ST.) NO.948 OF 2023

**RAHUL NARAYAN BHOSALE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS
SECRETARY AND OTHERS**

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Mr P. S. Anerao, Advocate for petitioner;
Mr S. G. Sangle, A.G.P. for respondent Nos.1 to 6

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE
AND
SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, JJ.**

DATE : 10th February, 2023

PER COURT:

1. The report of the learned Registrar (Judicial), indicates that, the petition lacks the object of public interest. The petitioner claims that, he is heading the 'Rayatecha Raje Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj' Statue Committee, Loha, Tq. Loha, Dist. Nanded and has collected Rs.50,00,000/-.

2. In order to test the bona fides of the petitioner, who prays for the erection of the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, we directed the petitioner to deposit an amount of Rs.3,00,000/- in this Court. However, the learned Advocate for the petitioner

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submits that, he would not deposit Rs.3,00,000/- and is willing to deposit only Rs.50,000/-.

3. The learned Advocate for the petitioner then submitted that, he is ready to deposit Rs.3,00,000/- from his own Savings Bank account and not from the amount of Rs.50,00,000/- that he has collected from the public at large.

4. We grant him time to deposit this amount, on or before 28/02/2023.

5. List this Public Interest Litigation on 03/03/2023 in the 'urgent orders' category.

(SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

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