



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

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.36 OF 2022

Vaijanath Pandurang Vaze ...Petitioner
Versus
The Registrar General
High Court of Bombay and Anr. ...Respondents

**WITH
CONTEMPT PETITION NO.258 OF 2023**

Maharashtra State Judges Association
Through its President – Dilip S. Ghumare ...Applicant
Versus
Manu Kumar Shrivastava and Anr. ...Respondents

Petitioner - Vaijanath Pandurang Vaze, is present in-person.

Mr. S. R. Nargolkar, for the Respondent No.1 – High Court.

Mr. P. P. Kakade, G.P a/w Mr. M. M. Pabale, AGP, for the Respondent
– State.

Mr. Yuvraj P. Narvankar, for the Petitioner in CP/258/2023.

**CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE &
GAURI GODSE, JJ.**

DATE : 19th DECEMBER 2023

P.C. :

1. Mr. Kakade, learned Government Pleader has tendered a letter dated 18th December 2023 addressed to him by the Deputy

Legal Advisor-cum-Deputy Secretary, Law and Judiciary Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai. A photocopy of the said letter is taken on record. Mr. Kakade states that 348 new posts were created after recommendations of the NCMSC Committee taking the sanctioned strength from 2012 to 2360. He states that the NCMSC Committee had recommended creation of 3211 posts of judges, and that out of 3211 posts, 348 posts were created.

2. Today, Mr. Kakade states that both the Committees i.e. Sub-Committee of High Power Committee as well as the High Power Committee have granted approval for creation of the remaining posts i.e. 2863 posts. He states that the approval for creation of posts and of the supporting staff has also been granted and that both the said approvals will be placed before the Cabinet, at the earliest. He assures us that as soon as the proposals are placed before the Cabinet, a decision will be taken at the earliest.

3. Stand over to **8th January 2024.**

4. Learned Government Pleader to place before us decision of the Cabinet, on the next date, if taken.

5. Availability of infrastructure will not be a condition for sanctioning the increased strength.

All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

GAURI GODSE, J.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.