



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 1 OF 2018

The Registrar (Judicial)
High court of Judicature at Bombay
Bench at Aurangabad .. Petitioner

versus

The State of Maharashtra & others .. Respondents

Mrs. R. S. Kulkarni, Amicus Curiae.
Mr. P. K. Lakhotiya, AGP for Respondent Nos. 1 to 7.
Mr. Onkar Shendkar, Advocate along with Ms. Achal
Raghuwanshi, Advocate holding for Mr. D. N. Patil Bankar,
Advocate for Respondent Nos. 6 to 8.
Mr. B. B. Kulkarni, Advocate for Respondent No. 11.
Mr. A. S. Bajaj, Advocate for MSEDCL.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND
R. M. JOSHI, JJ.**

DATE : 22nd MARCH, 2024.

PER COURT :

1. The District Superintendent of Police of Dharashiv and Beed Districts are present in the Court. They have briefed the learned AGP.

2. The learned AGP tenders a report dated 21st March, 2024 submitted by the Superintendent of Police, Dharashiv (16 pages) which is marked as '**X-2**' for identification. He draws our attention to Page No. 6 with the title "Dharashiv Police Department's Crime Prevention Strategies", and more specifically at Serial No. 3 wherein the police authorities have decided to take steps for arranging daily visits of Pink Pathaks in schools to reassure the students and the faculty and serve as a deterrent to potential threats. Item No. 6 provides for Patrolling and Monitoring. The Pink Complaint Boxes are also provided in Item No. 9.

3. The report tendered by the District Superintendent of Police, Beed (6 pages) is taken on record and marked as '**X-3**' for identification.

4. The learned amicus curiae has placed on record a summary chart (20 pages) drawn from the various reports tendered by the offices of District Judges of various districts. The same is marked as '**Y-1**' for identification. Having perused the said compilation, we find it to be an eye-opener. The learned amicus curiae has apparently worked hard and has meticulously prepared

the document 'Y-1' to give us a concise reference in the backdrop of the reports received from various districts.

5. Since most of the Principal District Judges for almost all districts have tendered reports, we are contemplating the constitution of a Committee, preferably chaired by a former Judge of this Court. We would be listing this matter after two weeks to enable all the parties to apply their mind and make suggestions for the constitution of such Committee. The Government Pleader at Aurangabad and the amicus curiae would be a part of the said Committee.

6. Needless to state, that the District Superintendent of Police of all the districts in the State of Maharashtra would ensure that these schools are adequately protected, not only by installing their guards, but resorting to such mechanism by which the bootleggers, gamblers, drug peddlers etc. would not get any scope to enter the premises after the school hours, especially in the night. We also expect the authorities to remove encroachments from the Zilla Parishad Schools by following the due procedure laid down in law. If encroachments are made by Zilla Parishad or any other local

authority/body, we would expect the District Administration to look into this aspect and ensure that such encroachments are removed.

7. We would expect the MSEDCL to look into the following notings in document Y-1 :-

- i) Serial No. 50 Page No. 5 –
ZP Primary school at Adgaon, Pachod Budruk, Paithan.
- ii) Serial No. 10 Page No. 7 -
Corporation Primary School, Kiradpura No. 2, in view of the electricity cables/high tension wires passing through the class rooms and over the gate of school.
- iii) Serial No. 12 Page No. 8 -
Corporation Primary School, Kiradpura No. 3. DP of MSEDCL is in the vicinity of the school which is posing a problem.

8. List this matter on 5th April, 2024, at 4.30 pm.

(R. M. JOSHI)
JUDGE

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE)
JUDGE

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