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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (ST) NO. 32155 OF 2024

Bahujan Vikas Aghadi

...Petitioner

Versus

The Election Commission of India & Ors

...Respondents

Mr Rajesh Datar, with *Yash Dewal, Druti Datar, Santosh Khale & Nitin Bhoir*, for the Petitioner.

Mr Akshay Shinde, for the Respondent-Election Commission of India.

CORAM: ARIF S. DOCTOR &
SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, JJ

DATED: 4th November 2024.

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PC:-

1. Mr Shinde, Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Respondent No. 1, i.e., the Election Commission of India had tendered a letter dated 3rd November 2024 addressed to Respondent No. 1 by the Janta Dal (United) informing Respondent No. 1 that the Janta Dal (United) has decided not to contest the ensuing election in the State of Maharashtra and it was thus that the Janta Dal (United) was surrendering the symbol "Whistle" allotted to the Janta Dal (United) by virtue of the order dated 30th January 2024.

2. Mr Shinde then submitted that since the Petitioner had applied for the said symbol “Whistle”, the same would be allotted to the Petitioner by following the procedure laid down in the requisite Rules/Guidelines.

3. The Petition is accordingly disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

4. Needless to state that all rights and contentions of the parties in respect of any issues on law or otherwise are kept expressly open.

5. Mr Datar makes a request that since today is the last date of withdrawal of the nominations, Mr Shinde to orally intimate Respondent No. 1 of today’s order. Mr Shinde assures the Court that he shall do so.

6. All concerned to act on an authenticated copy of this order.

(SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J)

(ARIF S. DOCTOR, J)