



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 80 OF 2024

Amitoj Inder Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

The Union of India & Ors.

.. Respondents

Mr. Wesley Menezes a/w Ayaan Bhattacharyya and Steven Anthony i/by Saamy Partners for petitioner.

Smt. P. H. Kantharia, Government Pleader with Smt. Jyoti Chavan, Addl. Government Pleader for respondent no.2-State.

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**CORAM: DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA, CJ. &
AMIT BORKAR, J.**

DATE: 18th DECEMBER, 2024

P.C.:

1. This Public Interest Litigation petition raises concern about the safety of the passengers travelling in the vehicles being plied by transport aggregators.

2. Certain issues relating to plying of such vehicles by transport aggregators engaged attention of this Court on an earlier occasion in PIL (L) No. 9775 of 2020, wherein a coordinate Bench of this Court had passed an order on 7th March, 2022 giving certain directions such as finalization of the draft rules framed under Section 96 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the Act of 1988) by the State Government, issuance of licenses as per the

requirement of Section 93(1) of the Act of 1988, notification of Regional Transport Authority/Officer as licensing authority and creation of an Appellate Authority etc.

3. It has been argued by the learned counsel for the petitioner that though Central Government way back on 27th November, 2020 has framed guidelines known as “Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines-2020”, which are statutory in nature, safety of the passengers travelling in such vehicles plied by transport aggregators is still at risk. Accordingly, directions have been sought to be issued to the respondents for implementation of the guidelines and for taking up such other measures which may be warranted to ensure safety and security of the passengers.

4. We, thus, issue notice to the respondents, returnable on **29th January, 2025.**

5. Learned Additional Government Pleader has put in appearance on behalf of respondent no.2 and waives service of notice.

6. An affidavit shall be filed by the respondent no.2 within three weeks not only containing paragraph-wise reply to the averments made in the instant PIL petition, but also pointing out the steps which might have been taken by the State Government for ensuring compliance of the order dated 7th March, 2022 passed in PIL(L) No. 9775 of 2020.

(AMIT BORKAR, J.)

(CHIEF JUSTICE)