



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

BENCH AT AURANGABAD

SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION
STAMP NO.36990 OF 2025

THE REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL), HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY,
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

...
Mr. A.B. Girase, Government Pleader for Respondent State.

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CORAM: SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI AND
HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, JJ.

DATE : 8th DECEMBER, 2025

ORDER :

1. Today we have come across a shocking news reported in Daily Divya Marathi Newspaper today i.e. 8th December 2025, wherein a plight of the pregnant women in the hilly area has been highlighted. The news states that the Government of Maharashtra has spent around Rupees 771 Crores in the last 1 ½ years to avoid the death of pregnant women, foetus death or even the new born child, however, the health services are not provided in the hilly area and they are still depending on the

bamboo or shaving blades. In the news item, the interviews of two persons have been given who are making such deliveries and they specifically say that they cut the umbilical cord with the help of blade. Even when the child dies in the womb, at that time also with the help of blade the foetus is cut into pieces and those pieces are taken out. They both claim that they have made deliveries of hundreds of ladies and now it is stated that son of one of them is still carrying out such activities further. It is then stated that if the pains of delivery are not subsiding then they are making the ladies to consume Mahua liquor. Even the news item gives an interview of 40 years old lady who appears to have undergone the pregnancy for 8th time and it states that she herself had cut the umbilical cord with the help of blade.

2. If the Government is spending so much of amount on the schemes and the schemes are not reaching at every corner and to every citizen, then it cannot be stated that there is a success of such scheme.

3. We have heard learned Government Pleader Mr. Girase and he submitted that he would take the instructions and submit all the data. However, he submits that with some problems the

schemes appear to be not reaching to the tribal people and such scenario might be existing, apart from Nandurbar District, even at Kinwat in Nanded District.

4. We are of the opinion that the Government is bound to give good health facilities to the citizens and it should reach to every citizen. Special attention is required in respect of women and children. As regards the pregnant women are concerned, we are aware that there are Asha workers who are working and even at some places under the schemes introduced by the Government, persons have been employed who explain the precautions to be taken by the pregnant ladies, how their periodical check ups are necessary, what should be their diet etc. But if such persons are not available for service in the tribal areas, then it can be said to be the failure of the scheme and then that of the Government.

5. Therefore, we take the cognizance of the said news item as Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation and direct the Government Pleader to produce on record the necessary data with the affidavits of the relevant government officers on or before 19th

December 2025. We intend to pass further detail order after considering those affidavits.

6. We, therefore, appoint learned Advocate Ms. Geeta Deshpande as Amicus Curiae. Registry to make available all the necessary documents to the learned Amicus Curiae. She should study the matter and file a proper Petition, after considering the affidavits which would be filed.

6. Place the matter for further consideration on 19th December 2025.

[HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR]
JUDGE

[SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI]
JUDGE

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