

Due on 18.07.2026.
Civ/WP/No. 37847/2026.
DATE: 6/7/2026.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,
BENCH AT AURANGABAD.

SUO MOTO PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.1 OF 2026

The Registrar (Judicial),
High Court of Judicature of Bombay,
Bench at Aurangabad,

...Petitioner/s,

Verses

The State of Maharashtra & Others,

...Respondent/s,

To,

R.No.1]

The State of Maharashtra,
Through the Secretary,
Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai.

Upon reading the petition of the petitioner above named presented to this High Court of Bombay, Bench at Aurangabad, praying vide prayer clause (FF) that:-

" Pending hearing and final disposal of the present Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation, the Hon'ble High Court may be pleased to stay the effect, operation and implementation of the Government Notification dated 09.06.2026 issued by the Respondent No.1 bearing No. TRS/10/2025/C.R.244/F-6 and issued appropriate orders for the said purpose."

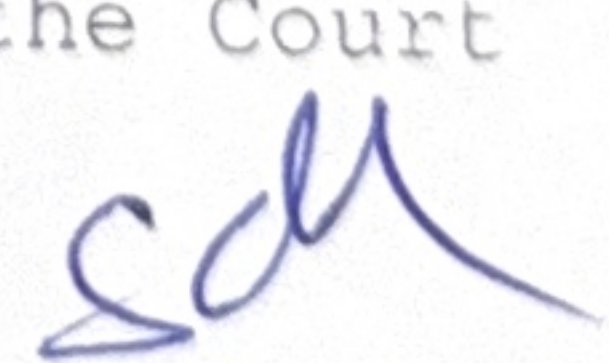
AND upon hearing of Mr. M.S. Kulkarni, Amicus Curiae for the Petitioner, Mr. A.B. Girase, Government Pleader for Respondents No. 1 to 4, the Court (CORAM :SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI AND SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, JJ.) has on 19.06.2026, passed the following order:-

"Copy of Court's Order dtd. 19.06.2026
is enclosed herewith."

It is accordingly ordered that, the aforesaid Court's Order be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned till 18.07.2026.

WITNESS, SHRI. RAVINDRA V. GHUGE The
Hon'ble The Acting Chief Justice at
Bombay, aforesaid this 19th day of
June, Two Thousand Twenty Six.

By the Court


Assistant Registrar.

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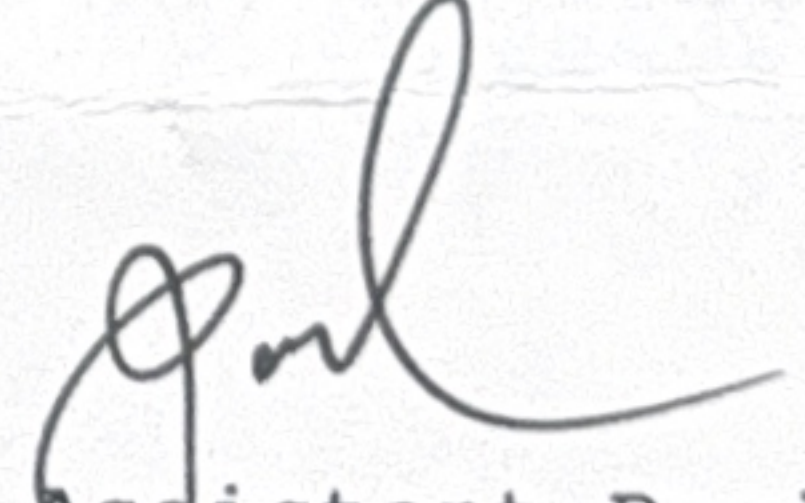
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information and necessary action to :-

- R.No.2] The Chief Conservator of Forest,
(Territorial Office) Van Bhawan, Osmanpura,
Opp. S.S.C. Board., Station Road, Chhatrapati Sambhajiagar.
- R.No.3] The Deputy Chief Conservator of Fores,
(Territorial Office) Nanded,
Near Mahatma Gandhi Statue, Vagirabad Road, Nanded.
- R.No.4] The Range Forest Officer, Kinwat,
Tq. Kinwat, Dist. Nanded.
- R.No.5] The Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited,
A Company registered under the Companies Act as wholly owned
Subsidiary Company of the State of Maharashtra
Through its Managing Director having registered office at
FDCM Bhavan, 359/B, Hingana Road, Ambazari, Nagpur,
Maharashtra.
- R.No.6] The Divisonal Manger (Kinwat),
The forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited,
Madwa Road, Near Railway Gate, SHIVAJI Nagar, Kinwat, Tq.
Kinwat, Dist. Nanded.
- R.No.7] The Union of India,
Through Ministry of Environment,
Forest and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi.

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE]
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SUO MOTO (PIL) NO. 1 OF 2026

THE REGISTRAR JUDICIAL HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY BENCH AT
AURANGABAD
VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASTHRA AND OTHERS

WITH SUO MOTO (PIL) NO. 6 OF 2020

Mr. M. S. Kulkarni, *Amicus Curiae* for the Petitioner;
Mr. A. B. Girase, Government Pleader for Respondents No.1 to 4

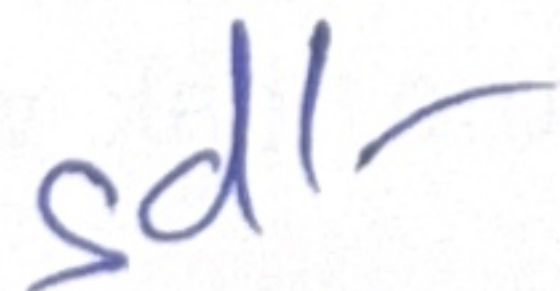
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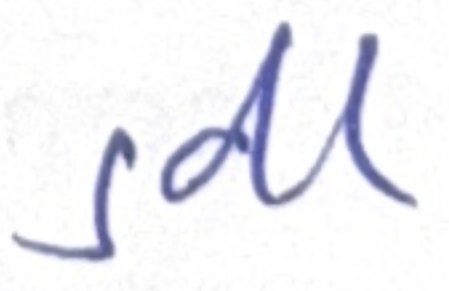
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PER COURT:-

1. The learned *Amicus Curiae* brings to our notice a notification issued by respondent No.1 on 09.06.2026 thereby deleting the word 'Teak' from the schedule to Section 2 of the Maharashtra Felling of Trees (Regulation) Act, 1964. He submits that if no permission is required to cut the teak wood then there would be rampant cutting of trees which would be harmful to the ecology and also submits that in the said notification, the purpose for bringing the said notification has not been clarified. He, therefore, seeks leave to amend.

2. Leave is granted. The amendment to be carried out within a period of one week from today.
3. The learned Government Pleader seeks time to file affidavit-in-reply. The affidavit-in-reply to be filed within a period of two weeks from the date of carrying out the amendment. In any way, the affidavit-in-reply should be filed within a period of three weeks from today. The copy of the same would be given to the other side in advance.
4. Place the matter for further consideration on 18.07.2026.
5. The *interim* order, granted earlier by this Court dated 19.01.2026, to continue till the next date.
6. Taking into consideration the fact about deletion of word "Teak" from the schedule to clause (f) of Section 2 of the Maharashtra Felling of Trees Regulation Act, 1964, we hereby grant stay the operation of the said notification till the next date.


[SACHIN S. DESHMUKH]
JUDGE


[SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI]
JUDGE

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Section Officer
High Court of Bombay
Bench at Aurangabad

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