

JVS.

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

***SUO MOTO* PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (ST) NO. 23909 OF 2026**

High Court on its Own Motion	}	Petitioner
Versus		
The State of Maharashtra	}	Respondent

Ms. Yugandhara Khanwilkar, *Amicus Curiae*.

Mr. P. V. Nelson Rajan, AGP for State.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, ACJ. &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

DATE : 17th AUGUST, 2026

P.C.:

1. We have come across certain news reports that were published in Marathi daily Lokmat on page 4 of the 14th August, 2026 edition, page 5 of Marathi newspaper Maharashtra Times in the edition dated 14th August, 2026 and in Maharashtra Times, page 6 of the 15th August, 2026 edition in respect of lack of basic facilities provided in the girls hostels.

2. The Registry is directed to register this Petition as a *Suo Moto* Public Interest Litigation, forthwith.

3. We have requested the learned Advocate, Ms. Yugandhara Khanwilkar to assist the Court as an *Amicus Curiae*. She fairly submits that she is also on the Panel of AGPs with the State of Maharashtra. The learned Advocate General, Dr. Milind Sathe, submits that the Government Pleader's office does not have any objection if Ms. Khanwilkar assists the Court as *Amicus Curiae*.

4. We request the learned *Amicus Curiae* to cause a research on this issue and gather sufficient information to espouse the cause for which this Court has registered this *Suo Moto* Public Interest Litigation. We request her to prepare the *Suo Moto* Public Interest Litigation Petition and tender it to the Court by 29th August, 2026. Needless to state, the Respondent-Authorities would be served with the copies of the Memo of the Petition in order to enable them to take instructions.

5. Let the *Suo Moto* Public Interest Litigation be listed in the 'Urgent Supplementary Board' on **2nd September, 2026**.

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE]

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