



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

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (L) NO.14792 OF 2025**

Abhinav Bharat Congress

.. Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

.. Respondents

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Prof. Dr. Pankaj K. Phadnis, Petitioner-in-person.

Mr. Abhay L. Patki, Additional Government Pleader with Ms. Manisha Gawade, Assistant Government Pleader for the respondent nos.1 and 3.

Ms. Anuja Tirmali i/by Ms. Komal Punjabi, Advocate for the respondent no.2-MCGM.

Mr. D. P. Singh, Advocate for the respondent no.4.

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**CORAM : A.S. CHANDURKAR &  
DR. NEELA GOKHALE, JJ  
DATE : 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025.**

**P.C. :**

1. By the present Public Interest Litigation, the petitioner-in-person seeks a direction to be issued to the first respondent-Urban Development Department for issuing a notification so as to include the property more described as "71 Savarkar Sadan, Dr. M. B. Raut Road Shivaji Park, Dadar W Mumbai 400028" in the heritage list in terms of the final recommendation of the second respondent - Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation. It is pointed out that the second respondent on 20/01/2012 has issued a communication to the first respondent making such recommendation. After inaction for a period of more than ten

years, an email was addressed by the Office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the first respondent on 01/02/2025 requiring necessary steps to be taken and enquiries to be made in the matter. It is the apprehension of the petitioner-in-person that prior to such heritage status being bestowed on the said property, it is likely to be demolished. He invites attention to a news item published in "Hindustan Times" dated 05/05/2025 in that regard.

2. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 13/06/2025.

Ms. Manisha Gawade, the learned Assistant Government Pleader waives notice for the respondent nos.1 and 3, Ms. Anuja Tirmali, learned counsel waives notice for respondent no.2 and Mr. D. P. Singh, learned counsel waives notice for respondent no.4. Instructions be obtained from the first respondent as regards the time within which the grant of heritage status to the aforesaid premises would be undertaken. Till the returnable date, the status of the said property shall not be changed and the position as prevailing today shall be maintained.

3. Parties to act on authenticated copy of this order.

**[ DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J. ]**

**[ A.S. CHANDURKAR, J. ]**