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

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.176 OF 2012

Mr. Rajesh Madhukar Pandit and others ... Petitioners.

Versus

The Nashik Municipal Corporation and others ... Respondents.

Mr. Pravartak S. Pathak, for the Petitioners.

Mr. M.S. Patil i/by Mr. M.L. Patil, for the Respondent Nos.1 and 2.

Mr. R.D. Raghuwanshi i/by Ms. Rutuja Ambekar, for Respondent No.3.

Mr. D.A. Nalawade, for Respondent No.4.

Mr. A.B. Vagyani, Additional Government Pleader, for Respondent No.5.

Mr. P.P. Chavan a/w Ms. Shyamali Gadre i/by M/s. Little & Co., for Respondent No.6.

**CORAM : A.S. OKA &
A. S. CHANDURKAR, JJ.**

DATE : 19th JUNE, 2014

PC.

On the last date, we have perused the report submitted by the Committee appointed by this Court. As directed by paragraph 41 of the order dated 7th March, 2014, the Committee will have to submit periodical reports after every two months. Appropriate directions can be issued on the basis of the first report while dealing with the second report of the Committee.

2. There are additional aspects which are brought to our notice. It is pointed out that about one lakh people will be visiting Nashik every day during the Kumbhamela. The Municipal Corporation as well as the State Government will have to ascertain as to how many toilets and washrooms will have to be made available considering the number of devotees which are expected to visit Nashik during the Kumbhamela. The Collector as well as the Municipal Corporation shall file an affidavit on this aspect on or before 30th June, 2014.

3. A time bound schedule will have to be fixed for completing acquisition of the lands of Gangapur and Pimpalgaon Khamb which are required for setting up STPs. The Collector while filing affidavit in terms of paragraph 41 of the earlier directions, will set out the outer limit within which the acquisition will be completed.

4. It is expected that about 80 to 90 lakh devotees will visit Nashik in Kumbhamela. Another issue is of making appropriate traffic arrangements to avoid congestion in the City. If any plan has been prepared to that effect, the Collector will highlight the said aspect in the affidavit. For considering the affidavit of the Collector as well as the Municipal Corporation, the Petition shall be listed on 8th July, 2014 in the category of "Directions".

5. While filing the affidavit, the Collector shall file all the details of bifurcation of the total outlay sanctioned by the Government for the Kumbhamela.

(A. S. CHANDURKAR, J)

(A.S.OKA, J)

Bombay High Court