IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 5796 OF 2026

The Democratic Forum Of
Social Workers Through Dr Pravin Singhal ..Petitioner
Versus
State Of Maharashtra and Ors. ..Respondents

Dr. Pravin Singhal, Petitioner in person.
Mr. S. V. Gavand, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : ADVAIT M. SETHNA &
RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, JJ.

DATE : 9th NOVEMBER 2026
(VACATION COURT)

PC :

1. Heard Ld. Counsel for the parties. The Petition has been moved on the ground of urgency by the Petitioner in person. The same being that the Petitioner, stated to be a registered trust, is desirous of organising a campaign/conference/padyatra at Aazad Maidan in Mumbai from 24th November 2026 to 26th November 2026, marking the 77th Constitution Day. For the said purpose, elaborate/detailed preparations are required, as stated by the Petitioner appearing in person.

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2. Having heard Ld. Counsel for the parties and on perusal of the record, in our opinion, the matter requires consideration.

3. Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable on 18th November 2026.

4. Mr. S. V. Gavand, Ld. APP for the State, waives service of notice.

5. The Petitioner appearing in person has also served a copy of the Petition during the hearing today, which is accepted by Mr. Gavand, Ld. APP on behalf of the State.

6. The Respondent-State to take instructions and/or file reply, if so advised, on or before the adjourned date of hearing.

7. Let the matter be posted on **18th November 2026** for further consideration.

(RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, J.) **(ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.)**

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