

ITEM NO.1740

COURT NO.6

SECTION IX

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 8668/2020

CITIZEN FORUM FOR EQUALITY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(OFFICE REPORT FOR DIRECTIONS LISTED )  
IA No. 98603/2020 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION)

Date : 16-03-2023 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR  
[IN CHAMBER]

For Petitioner(s) None

For Respondent(s) Mr. Omkar Deshpande, Adv.  
Mr. Siddharth Dharmadhikari, Adv.  
Mr. Aaditya Aniruddha Pande, AOR  
Mr. Bharat Bagla, Adv.  
Mr. Pradeep Kumar Verma, Adv.  
Mr. Sourav Singh, Adv.

Mr. Rameshwar Prasad Goyal, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following  
O R D E R

As per the office report dated 08.08.2022, Mr. Rishi Jain, learned counsel for the petitioner, expired and notice for making an alternative arrangement was served upon the petitioner in the year 2021 itself. However, no steps were taken to engage another learned counsel.

Mr. Omkar Deshpande, learned counsel appears for the State of Maharashtra.

Perusal of the record reflects that the special leave petition was filed in relation to certain issues relating to the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and the directions issued by the Bombay High Court in relation thereto in a PIL case. As the petitioner, which had filed the said PIL case before the Bombay High Court, has shown no interest in engaging another learned counsel in the place of its former counsel, it is clear that it has no enduring interest in pursuing this litigation.

Special Leave Petition (C) No.8668/2020 is accordingly dismissed for non-prosecution.

(NEETU KHAJURIA)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(RANJANA SHAILEY)  
COURT MASTER