

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

**WRIT PETITION NO. 2069 OF 2015**

1. Sales Tax Tribunal Bar Association & Anr. ... Petitioners

Vs

1. The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. R.V. Desai, senior counsel with Mr. P.V. Surte, Mr. P.C. Joshi, Mr. Vinayak Patkar, Mr. Ratan Samal. Ms. Nikita Badheka, Mr. Deepak Bapat, Mr. Subhash Surte, Mr. C.B. Thakar, Mr. Ishaan Patkar, Mr. Parth Badheka i/b Ms. Manjiri Parasnis for the Petitioners.

Mr. V.A. Sonpal, Special Counsel with Ms. Geeta Shastri, Addl. Govt. Pleader, for the Respondents - State.

**CORAM : S.C. DHARMADHIKARI &  
B.P. COLABAWALLA, JJ.**

**TUESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 2017**

**P.C. :**

1 Mr. Sonpal, on instructions from the State, places on record a copy of the Notification issued by the Finance Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai, dated 8th February, 2017, appointing a Judicial Member of the Maharashtra Sales Tax Tribunal. He has indicated the State that he has accepted the appointment and would assume charge within a period of one

week from today.

2 Mr. Sonpal, on further instructions, makes a statement that even the Member (Technical) has since taken charge. Now all the five Benches of the Tribunal are functioning and in full strength.

3 As far as the second issue, namely, availability of residential accommodation, not only for Judicial Members of the Tribunal, but its staff and other Government employees, Mr. Sonpal, on instructions, states that the State has taken steps to comply with this Court's earlier order and directions. Within a period of two weeks from today, a website would be operational and functional on which all the information relating to the pending applications for allotment of residential accommodation, how they have been dealt with and within how much time the remaining applications would be disposed of will be made available. The reasons would be available for perusal. Since all the entries and remarks are now in place, this website should be available for being accessed by all concerned, latest by 7th March, 2017.

4 We accept both the statements.

5 The second statement is accepted as an undertaking to  
this Court.

6 Mr. Desai appearing on behalf of the petitioner-  
Association submits that insofar as the larger challenge is  
concerned, he would circulate a compilation of judgments  
properly paginated so that this Court can appreciate the point  
which would be raised during the oral arguments.

7 List this matter under the same caption on 7th March,  
2017.

**B.P. COLABAWALLA, J.**                      **S.C. DHARMADHIKARI, J.**

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