

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
O. O. C. J.

PIL WRIT PETITION LD.NO.3246 OF 2004

Bombay Environment Action Group & Anr. ...Petitioners.  
Vs.  
State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents.

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Mr. N. H. Seervai, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Sharan Jagtiani i/b.  
M/s.M. V. Jayakar & Co. for the Petitioners.  
Mr. Ravi Kadam, Advocate General with Mr. Amjad Sayyed, AGP  
for Respondent No.1.  
Mr. K.K. Singhvi, Sr. Advocate with Ms.Priti Purandare for  
Respondent No.4.  
Mr. R.V. Govilkar for Respondent No.3.  
Mr. B.A. Desai, Addl. Solicitor General with Mr. Rajiv Chavan for  
Respondent No.2.  
Mr. G.S. Godbole for the Applicants.

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**CORAM : KSHITIJ R. VYAS, C.J. &  
DR.D.Y.CHANDRACHUD, J.**

**April 18, 2006.**

**P.C. :**

Having perused the affidavit filed by Dr.Arun Kumar Sinha, Director, Maharashtra Remote Sensing Application Centre (MRSAC), Visveswaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT) Campus, South Ambazari Road, Nagpur, it appears that the work of mapping of mangrove areas for Navi Mumbai is at the completion stage and the same will be completed and that the documentation shall be handed over to Environment Department

by the end of April 2006. A copy of the maps relating to mapping of mangrove areas of Navi Mumbai be given to the Petitioner on the payment of regular charges. We have taken note of the fact that MRSAC is carrying out the remaining work of mapping of mangroves as stated in the affidavit. Considering the same, a case is made out for extending the time upto the end of June 2006 for completing the remaining work of mapping of mangrove. The Learned Advocate General states that within this period, the work of mapping mangroves for the suburbs of Mumbai shall be taken up and completed on priority. Statement accepted.

CHIEF JUSTICE

Dr.D. Y. Chandrachud, J.