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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PIL-CJ-LD-VC- NO. 45 OF 2020

Abhijeet K. Mangade

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Maharashtra & Ors.

.. Respondents

Mr. Abhijeet K. Mangade, Petitioner-in-person.

Mr. P. P. Kakade, Govt. Pleader a/w Ms. Nisha Mehra, AGP for State.

Mr. Ish Jain a/w Mr. Kiran Jain a/w Ms. Amruta Thakur for respondent No.4.

CORAM: DIPANKAR DATTA, CJ. &
SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.

JULY 28, 2020.

P.C.

1. The concern expressed by the petitioner in this PIL petition is that taking advantage of the prevailing pandemic, private hospitals and nursing homes are charging for Personal Protective Equipment kits (hereafter "PPE kits") much above the procurement costs; he has, accordingly, prayed for a direction on

the State to impose cap on prices of PPE kits charged to Covid/Non-Covid patients in such hospitals and nursing homes.

2. The State is represented by Ms. Mehra, learned AGP, while the respondent No.4 is represented by Mr. Jain, learned Advocate. None appears for the respondent No.3, inspite of service of notice.

3. The issue raised by the petitioner deserves consideration after inviting the parties to file their respective affidavits-in-reply. Let such affidavits-in-reply be filed by seven (7) days; rejoinder thereto, if any, may be filed by two (2) days thereafter.

4. Put up the PIL petition on August 07, 2020 for further consideration.

5. This order will be digitally signed by the Sr. Private Secretary of this Court. All concerned will act on production by fax or e-mail of a digitally signed copy of this order.

SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.

CHIEF JUSTICE