



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 43 OF 2026

Medico Legal Society of India	}	Petitioner
Versus		
The State of Maharashtra & Anr.	}	Respondents

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Mr. Rajeev D. Joshi, Petitioner in-person.

Ms. Neha S. Bhide, Government Pleader with Mr. O. A. Chandurkar, Additional Government Pleader and Mr. M. M. Pabale, AGP for Respondent-State.

**CORAM : MAHESH CHANDRA TRIPATHI, CJ. &
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.**

DATE : 11th SEPTEMBER, 2026

P.C.:

1. We have perused the office report dated 18th July 2026, wherein it has been submitted that in the similar facts, a Division Bench of this Court has passed an order on 6th December 2022 in Writ Petition No. 331 of 2017 placing reliance on the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Goa Antibiotics and Pharmaceuticals Limited vs. R. K. Chawla & Anr.*, (2011) 15 SCC 449, wherein it has been observed in para 11 that the Advocates Act confers discretion on the Court to permit any person to appear before it in any particular case, notwithstanding the other provisions which entitles only Advocates, duly enrolled, to practice the profession of law in a Court.

2. In the instant case, it is pressed that the Petitioner, who appears in-person, is Member of a Medical Association and having the track record wherein he had appeared before Hon'ble Supreme

Court and the High Court, as stated by him. Accordingly, we permit him to appear in-person in this matter.

3. Issue Notice to the Respondents, returnable on 9th October 2026. In addition to Court Notice, the Petitioner in-person is granted liberty to serve Respondent No. 2 by private notice through all permissible modes of service and file affidavit of service before the returnable date.

4. The learned AGP waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent No. 1 (State).

5. Stand over to 9th October 2026.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]