## Shridhar Mahadev Thakur vs Union Of India Thr Its Principal ... on 18 July, 2022

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Bench: Dipankar Datta, M. S. Karnik

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

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## PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 82 OF 2022

Shri. Shridhar Mahadev Thakur } Petitioner Versus Union of India and Ors. } Respondents

Mr. Jayendra D. Khairnar for the petitioner. Mr. P. P. Kakade, Government Pleader with Mr. M. M. Pable, AGP for State.

CORAM: DIPANKAR DATTA, CJ & M. S. KARNIK, J.

DATE: JULY 18, 2022

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P.C.:

- 1. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 25th August 2022. Private service is permitted in addition to the official mode of service.
- 2. Mr. Kakade, learned Government Pleader waives service on behalf of the respondents 3, 4 and 5.
- 3. This PIL petition expresses a concern of seminal importance. According to the petitioner, there are no sufficient adjudicating officers notified by the State Government for adjudication of disputes

in terms of section 68 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006; also, there is no appellate tribunal established by the State Government under section 70 of such Act. Statements to the aforesaid effect are found in paragraph (VI)(v) of the PIL petition.

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- 4. Let reply affidavit be filed by 12th August 2022; rejoinder thereto, if any, may be filed by 22nd August 2022.
- 5. In the event sufficient number of adjudicating officers have not been notified and/or the appellate tribunal has not been established, the reply affidavit of the State shall indicate the probable timeline(s) within which such officers may be notified and the tribunal established, in accordance with the statutory mandate.

(M. S. KARNIK, J.) (CHIEF JUSTICE)

J.V.Salunke, PS