

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

06 WRIT PETITION STAMP NO. 10600 OF 2020

SIDDHARTH PRESSING INDIA PVT.LTD.  
AND ANR.

VERSUS

THE UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

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Mr.T.K.Prabhakaran, Advocate for  
Petitioners.

Mr.S.B.Deshpande, Asstt. Solicitor  
General for R – 1 & 2.

Mr. D.R.Kale, G.P. for R – 3 to 5.

Mr. P.V.Barde, Advocate for R – 6.

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**CORAM : V.L.ACHLIYA, J.**

**DATE : 19/05/2020**

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**PER COURT :**

1. In view of extreme urgency expressed by the petitioners, the petition is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

2. Heard Mr. T.K.Prabhakaran, learned counsel for petitioners, Mr. S.B.Deshpande, Assistant Solicitor General for respondent Nos. 1 and 2, Mr. D.R.Kale, learned Govt. Pleader for respondent Nos. 3 to 5 and Mr. P.V.Barde, learned counsel for respondent No. 6.

3. In brief, it is the contention of learned counsel for petitioners that the impugned order dated

29/03/2020 issued by respondent No. 2 and Govt. Resolution dated 31/03/2020 issued by respondent No. 4 are per-se illegal and without authority of law. No such directives to pay the workers can be issued at the instance of respondent Nos. 1 to 5.

4. Mr. S.B.Deshpande, learned Assistant Solicitor General for respondent Nos. 1 and 2 request to adjourn the case for one week in view of matter touching the identical issue pending before the Apex Court likely to be decided in next week.

5. Mr. P.V.Barde, learned counsel for respondent No. 6 submits that the challenge raised in the petition filed before the Apex Court as referred by learned Assistant Solicitor General confines to competence of Ministry of Home Affairs to issue the directives in terms of order dated 29/03/2020. It is submitted that Govt. Resolution dated 31/03/2020 issued by respondent No. 4 is not the subject matter for consideration before the Apex Court in those petitions. By referring to the provisions contained u/s 24 (l) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, learned counsel submits that legislative competences

lies with State Government to take such decision and issue necessary orders/directions in that behalf.

6. Since the connected Writ Petitions bearing Writ Petition Stamp Nos. 10596 of 2020, 10597 of 2020, 10598 of 2020 and 10599 of 2020 raising identical issues are posted for hearing on 29/05/2020, it is desirable to post the present petition with connected petitions.

7. List the petition along with connected petitions for hearing on 29/05/2020.

8. Till 29/05/2020 no coercive action be taken against the petitioners pursuant to impugned order.

9. S.O. 29/05/2020.

**[V. L. ACHLIYA]**  
**JUDGE**

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