

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

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WRIT PETITION NO.6029 OF 2011

Gajanan P. Lasure & Anr. : Petitioners

V/s.

The Central Board of Film Certification & Ors. : Respondents

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Mr.Sangharaj D. Rupwate with Mr.Milind Ingale and Mr.Santosh J. Parad for the petitioners.

Mr.Rajiv Chavan with Ms Geeta Mulekar for respondent nos.1 to 3.

Mr.Venkatesh Dhond with Mr.Ameet Naik, Ms Madhu Gadodia and Mr.Lavin Hirani i/b. Naik Naik & Co., for resp. nos.4 and 5.

Mr.V.D.Patil, Govt. Pleader, with Mr.Prashant Darandale, Asstt. Govt. Pleader for respondent no.9.

Mr.Gunratan Sadavarte for applicant in C.A. No.1694 of 2011.

Mr.I.P.G.Khandelwal for applicant in C.A.(Stamp) No.20993/2011.

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CORAM : D.D. SINHA & A.R.JOSHI, JJ.

DATE : 09.08.2011.

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S.O. to 22.8.2011.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners, at this stage, has made a

request that the release of the film may be stayed till 22.8.2011 since there is a likelihood of breach of peace and problem to public order. Similarly, there is a possibility of protests and demonstrations. We have already observed in our order dated 9.8.2011 that merely on the basis of apprehension of protests and demonstrations likely to occur without seeing the film or without pointing out the portion of the film which would result in such problem, the request made by the petitioners on the basis of these grounds, in our view, is wholly inadequate to impose restrictions on the freedom of speech and expression of the respondents. In that view of the matter, no case is made out for granting the request. The same is rejected.

(D.D. SINHA, J.)

(A.R. JOSHI, J.)