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**Bombay High Court Implements and rolls out Neutral Citations
for its Judgments and Final Orders since March 2023**

The Supreme Court launched the Neutral Citation project in early 2023. A Neutral Citation is a unique, permanent identifying code assigned to every judgement and final order passed by the High Court.

Since March 2023, the Bombay High Court has introduced Neutral Citations for all judgments and final orders (at the Principal Seat and both Benches at Aurangabad and Nagpur).

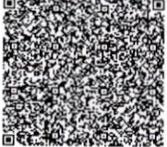
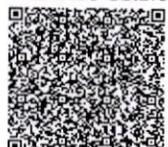
In addition to the Neutral Citations themselves, the Bombay High Court features both QR Codes *and* digital signatures.

QR Codes allow a user to directly access the authenticated judgment or order with a simple QR Code scan available on every mobile device/iPad, etc.

Simultaneously, the Bombay High Court has developed a feature to apply digital signatures on all Judgements and final Orders as they are uploaded to the website. The digital signature remains valid even after the QR Code is embedded.

This three-in-one facility is unique to the Bombay High Court.

Neutral Citation Sample for Final Orders and Judgments

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The QR Code printed on the judgement/order has a web-link to the soft copy of the same Order/Judgment. Once scanned by any device, it opens the link to the authentic digitally signed PDF file of the Judgment / Order.

In addition, a comprehensive search functionality based on Neutral Citation has also been provided on the website of the Bombay High Court (https://bombayhighcourt.nic.in/nc_query.php)

Some screenshots are provided with this release.

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