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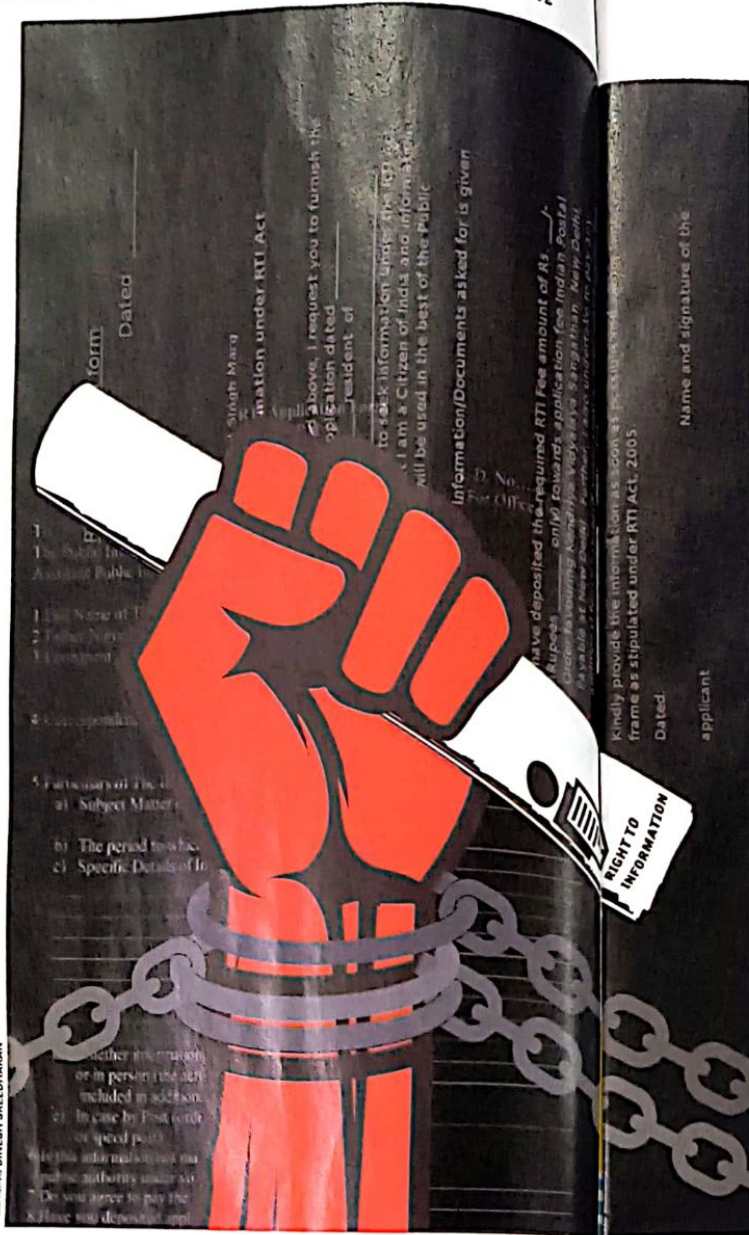
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“The constitutional definition of the people as sovereign has got a practical shape through the act of questioning.”

—Aruna Roy, activist

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I am not opposed to Maratha reservation; I am opposed to their entry into the OBC quota.

Chhagan Bhujbal, minister for food, civil supplies and consumer protection, Maharashtra

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