

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

WRIT PETITION NO.11586 OF 2016

Sarunath Sukhdeo Umberkar,
Age : 46 years,
Occ. Business/agril.,
r/o. Umberi Balapur,
Tq. Sangamner,
Dist. Ahmednagar ..Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra,
Through its Secretary,
Rural Development Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 32
and ors. ..Respondents

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Mr.P.P.Kothari, Advocate for petitioner

Mr.Y.G.Gujrati, AGP for respondent nos.1 to 3 and 5

Mr.S.T.Shelke, Advocate for respondent no.6

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**CORAM : R.M. BORDE AND
SANGITRAO S. PATIL, JJ.**

DATE : DECEMBER 20, 2016

PER COURT :

Not on board. Taken on board.

2. Heard.

3. The petitioner is objecting for formation
of new electoral divisions and electoral colleges

and inclusion of villages Umbri and Balapur in Jorve electoral division, for the purpose of holding elections of Zilla Parishad.

4. The reason assigned by the Election Commission for inclusion of the above referred villages is increase in number of electoral divisions after the preceding elections which were held in the year 2012. During the preceding elections, there were 8 electoral divisions and 16 electoral colleges. However, during year 2017, 9 electoral divisions and 18 colleges came into existence, which necessitated change in geographical constitution of electoral divisions and electoral colleges.

5. The reason assigned by the Election Commission appears to be just and probable. We are, therefore, not inclined to entertain the petition in exercise of extra ordinary jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. The

petition is devoid of substance and as such, stands rejected.

[SANGITRAO S. PATIL, J.]

[R.M. BORDE, J.]

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