

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 100 OF 2016

The Indian Chamber of Agriculture	.. Petitioners
V/s	
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.	.. Respondents

Mr. Akshay Deshmukh for the petitioners.
Mr. A.B. Vagyani, Government Pleader with Mr. N.C. Walimbe, A.G.P.
for the State.

**CORAM: DR. MANJULA CHELLUR, CJ. &
M.S. SONAK, J.**

DATE : 21ST OCTOBER 2016

P.C.:

The petitioners have come before this Court complaining deduction of certain amount from the sale proceeds of the agriculturists by the Market Committee Authority which ought not to have been collected from the agriculturists, since the very purpose of setting up of Agricultural Produce Market Committee is for the benefit of the agriculturists.

2. The State Government has come out with an Ordinance dated 30th August 2016 wherein, according to the learned Government Pleader, the burden of charges which were hitherto deducted from the sale amount to be paid to the farmers will be

passed on to the purchaser, therefore the farmers need not pay these charges any more.

3. According to the petitioners' counsel, in spite of this Ordinance, certain charges are still being deducted. However, he is not clear in submitting which were the charges earlier deducted and which are the charges now continued to be deducted. In the absence of any specific allegation and averment with reference to the nature of charge or which amounts are deducted, it would be difficult to decide the matter on merits. No relief could be granted on such a vague allegation. We permit the petitioners to withdraw the PIL and make a study of the Ordinance and also the practice continued subsequent to the Ordinance in the Market Committee and if the petitioners are still aggrieved by any of the deduction, they are at liberty to approach the Court.

4. Accordingly the PIL is disposed of.

(M.S. SONAK, J.)

CHIEF JUSTICE