

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO. 520 OF 2016

(SUDHAKAR BAPUJI MEDPALLIWAR....VS..DISTRICT DEPUTY REGISTRAR, COOP SOCIETIES, & 12
 OTHERS.)

 Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
 appearances, Court's orders of directions
 and Registrar's orders

Court's or Judge's orders

CORAM : Z.A.HAQ, J.

DATED : JANUARY 27, 2016.

Heard Shri P.S.Tidke, advocate for the petitioner
 and Ms Rashi Deshpande, A.G.P. for the respondent Nos. 1
 and 2.

The petitioner has challenged the decision of the
 Returning Officer to include names of the respondent Nos. 4
 to 13-Societies in the final voters' list. It is the contention of
 the petitioner that column No.4 of the final voters' list
 requires the details of membership number of the society. It
 is submitted that the membership numbers are not shown in
 respect of the respondent Nos. 4 to 13-Societies which creates
 doubt that the societies are newly registered and the
 respondent Nos. 4 to 13-Societies are not eligible to vote as
 per the proviso below Section 27(3) of the Maharashtra Co-
 operative Societies Act, 1960.

The learned A.G.P. has submitted that the election
 programme is declared and last date for submission of
 nomination papers is over and the date of withdrawal of the
 nomination papers is 2nd February, 2016. The learned A.G.P.
 has pointed out that the final voters' list is published on 31st
 December, 2015 and there has been latches on the part of the
 petitioner in moving this petition.

I find substance in the submissions made by the learned A.G.P. In view of the latches on the part of the petitioner, I am not inclined to entertain the grievance of the petitioner at this stage.

The petition is **dismissed**. In the circumstances, the parties to bear their own costs.

It is clarified that the merits of the challenges raised by the petitioner are not examined by this Court and kept open for consideration at an appropriate stage, if occasion arises.

JUDGE

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