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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****WRIT PETITION NO. 8238 OF 2019**

Mrs. Astha Amit Dhandge

.....Petitioner

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra through
Secretary, Rural Development and others

.....Respondents

Mr. Saurabh Butala i/b Mr. Pradhuman Chauhan for the Petitioner
Mr. Swapnil Kamble i/b Mr. Ashok D. Shetty for respondent no. 4
Mr. S. H. Kankal AGP for the State**CORAM : NITIN W. SAMBRE, J.****DATE : AUGUST 1, 2019.****P.C.**

The submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner is, in exercise of powers under Section 39 (1) of Maharashtra Village Panchayat Act, 1959 ('the Act' for short) petitioner was removed from the post of Sarpanch by the Commissioner against which an Appeal under Section 39 (3) of the Act is pending before the State Government. According to him, petition can be disposed of with directions to the State Government to decide his application for

grant of stay to order of removal passed by the Commissioner, expeditiously.

2 Considering the prayer and the provisions of Section 39 (3) of the Act, it will be appropriate in my opinion to dispose of the petition with a direction to the State Government to decide the Appeal pending before it, expeditiously and in any case not later than 6 months from the date of production of this order. Petition stands disposed of.

3 Needless to clarify that application, if so moved by the petitioner, for grant of stay to the order of removal, be decided within period of 4 weeks from today.

[NITIN W. SAMBRE, J.]