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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO. 3163 OF 2021

RAMJI HANUMAN GUPTA

..PETITIONER

VS.

THE ADDITIONAL COLLECTOR (ENC. & R)
& ORS.

..RESPONDENTS

Mr. K.S. Yadav for the petitioner.

Mr. Vishalkumar Kothari for respondent No.3.

Mr. Sujeet Gala for respondent No.5.

Mr. P.V.N. Rajan, AGP for the State.

CORAM : M.S.KARNIK, J.

**DATE : JULY 22, 2021
(VIA V.C.)**

P.C.:-

It is the contention of learned counsel for the petitioner that the Petition is directly filed in this Court instead of approaching to the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee ('AGRC' for short) as the AGRC is not available to conduct hearings due to the pandemic. Learned counsel for the respondent No.5 submits that AGRC is very much available and hearing the appeals. In this view of the matter, the petitioner is permitted to approach the AGRC by filing appropriate proceedings against the impugned order and/or application for stay.

2. All contentions on merits are kept open.

3. I have not expressed any opinion on merits on any of the contentions raised.

4. The application for stay, if any, moved before AGRC may be considered expeditiously, if the appeal is filed within a period of 10 days from today.

5. The Writ Petition is disposed of.

(M.S. KARNIK, J.)

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