

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR
Writ Petition No. 288 of 2021**

Pradip Murlidhar Rathod

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra, through State Election

Commissioner, Maharashtra and another

... Respondents

Mr. .Shyamsundar A Mohta, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Thakre, Additional Government Pleader for the Respondent No. 2.

**CORAM : NITIN JAMDAR AND
ANIL S. KILOR, JJ.**

DATED : 14 JANUARY 2021

P.C.:

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The Petitioner is aggrieved by the action of the Respondent-Returning Officer of not permitting the Petitioner to withdraw his nomination form. The Petitioner's contention is that when the Petitioner filed nomination form, he was not aware that his close relative was also contesting the election. The date for withdrawal of nomination was 4 January, 2021, which has long gone past. It is not possible to entertain the request of the Petitioner as the election schedule is already substantially advanced.

3. The Writ Petition is disposed of.

[ANIL S. KILOR, J.]

[NITIN JAMDAR, J.]