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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

WRIT PETITION NO.8404 OF 2022

**SWAPNIL SHANTARAM SONAWANE
VERSUS
STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS**

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Mr S. V. Dixit, Advocate for petitioner;
Mr S. K. Tambe, A.G.P. for respondents/State

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE
AND
ARUN R. PEDNEKER, JJ.**

DATE : 7th September, 2022

PER COURT:

1. We have considered the submissions of the learned Advocate for the petitioner and the learned A.G.P.
2. Considering the order that we are passing, we are not issuing notice to respondent No.3.
3. The petitioner has preferred proceedings under Section 14 (1) (j-3) of the Maharashtra Village Panchayat Act. The said proceedings, instituted on 26/06/2020, are pending with the District Collector, Jalgaon. Statutorily, such proceedings are to be concluded within 60 days.

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4. In view of the above, this petition is disposed off, with a direction to respondent No.2, that the pending proceedings, if not already decided, shall be decided on its merits by granting an adequate opportunity of hearing to all the litigating parties, on or before 15/10/2022.

(ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

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