

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,
BENCH AT AURANGABAD.

68 WRIT PETITION NO.145 OF 2022

RATNAPRABHA BHIMRAO MORE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA,
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

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Advocate for Petitioner : Mr. N. L. Chaudhari.
AGP for Respondent/State: Mr. V. M. Kagne.
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CORAM : **RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, JJ.**

DATE : 02nd January, 2023.

Per Court:

1. The petitioner has prayed for directions to be issued to the Chairman, Dhule and Nandurbar District Co-operative Employees, Co-operative Bank Limited. In the alternative, it is prayed that a representation addressed to respondent No.3, dated 3rd March, 2021, may be decided within a time frame.

2. This petition invokes our writ jurisdiction under the Writ of Mandamus. Apparently, respondent No.3 does not fall within the definition of 'State' under Article 12 of the Constitution of India. We, therefore, cannot issue a Writ of Mandamus to the Chairman of the Co-operative Bank and that too, to decide the representation of the petitioner.

3. In view of the above, this petition is disposed off.
4. Needless to state, the petitioner would be at liberty to avail of a statutory remedy as is permissible in law.
5. The time spent by the petitioner in this Court from 12th March, 2021 till today, would be considered for condonation of delay.

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[SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, J.]

[RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.]