

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

**918 CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 7990 OF 2023
IN CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 28 OT 2023**

**SHARIFA MOHAMMAD SHAIKH AND OTHERS
VERSUS
MANUKUMAR SHRIVASTAV SECRETARY OF FOREST
DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS**

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Mr. S.S. Dande, A.G.P. for respondent Nos.3 and 4.

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CORAM : SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.

DATED : 4th July 2023.

ORDER:-

1. Heard rival submissions. The petitioners are seeking addition of present respondent Nos.5 and 6 in the petition on the ground that on transfer of respondent Nos.1 and 2, they are the current Secretary of Forest Department and Principal Chief Conservator of Forest respectively.

2. The learned AGP, though opposed the application, but submitted in the alternative that on such addition notices are required to be issued to the newly added respondent Nos.5 and 6.

3. Since respondent Nos.5 and 6 are the current officers holding the respective posts of present respondent Nos.1 and 2, they can be added as necessary parties. In view

of the same, application is allowed in terms of prayer clause (B). The petitioners to carry out the amendment within the stipulated period and on such amendment, notices be issued to freshly added respondent Nos.5 and 6, returnable in two weeks thereafter.

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)