

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

**WRIT PETITION NO.12295 OF 2023**

**SIDHARTH SOPAN SALVE  
VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS  
SECRETARY AND OTHERS**

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Ms.Renuka Vishnu Ghule  
AGP for Respondent 1/State : Shri V.M. Kagne  
Advocate for Respondents 2 to 4 : Shri S.B. Pulkundwar  
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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE  
&  
Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.**

**DATE :- 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**

**Per Court :-**

1. The Petitioner was terminated on 25.04.2017. An application dated 15.09.2017 was filed before the Deputy Chief Executive Officer. By communication dated 06.11.2017, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer has directed the Block Development Officer to decide the said application by treating it as an appeal under Section 61(1) of the Maharashtra Village Panchayats Act. An inquiry was also conducted by the Extension Officer and the report has been submitted.

2. In view of the above, **this Writ Petition is disposed**

off by directing Respondent No.4/BDO to follow the due procedure laid down in law and decide the application/ appeal as was directed by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer within 150 days. The Block Development Officer shall follow the due procedure laid down in law and shall grant reasonable opportunity of hearing to all the stakeholders. All contentions of the parties, including on delay, if any, are kept open.

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(Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)