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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

929 WRIT PETITION NO. 941 OF 2024

MONICA BALASAHEB INGOLE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND
OTHERS

Mr.D.A.Madake, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Mr.P.K.Lakhotiya, AGP for the Respondent/State.

(CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND
Y.G.KHOBRADE, JJ.)

DATE : JANUARY 24, 2024

PER COURT :

1. The Petitioner is a Sarpanch. She prays that her representations for declaring the village as a dry village should be accepted and a particular hotel/permit holder, who is not arrayed as a Respondent in this Petition, should be shut down.

2. The intention of the Petitioner seems to be laudable and appreciable as she has expressed deep concern over the members of the Gram Panchayat suffering on account of consumption of liquor. However, the procedure laid down under the Bombay Prohibition Act,

has to be scrupulously followed to pass a Resolution for declaration of a dry area. So also, if any permit room is to be closed down, filing of a representation, or moving a Writ Petition, would not be a remedy since the Petitioner has not followed the procedure as is laid down under the Bombay Prohibition Act.

3. With the liberty kept open to the Petitioner, **this Petition is disposed off.**

(Y.G.KHOBRADE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)