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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO.16 OF 2024

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Sharda Rangnath Khedkar

... Petitioner

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra Through The
Principal Secretary & Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. Vikramaditya V. Pai for the petitioner.

Mr. S. D. Rayrikar, AGP for the State.

CORAM : AMIT BORKAR, J.

DATED : FEBRUARY 1, 2024

PC.:

1. The petitioner is challenging order passed by the Industrial Court No.1, Kolhapur in Complaint (ULP) No.53 of 2019 below Exhibit-U-94 rejecting his application seeking permission to cross-examine respondent Nos.2 to 4.

2. The Industrial Court rejected the application mainly on the ground that the respondent Nos.2 to 4 have not led evidence and, therefore, cannot be subjected to cross-examination.

3. The effect of not stepping in witness box needs to be considered by the Industrial Court at the time of final disposal of the complaint. Keeping the said question open, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

4. It is made clear that all questions raised in the writ petition are kept open.

(AMIT BORKAR, J.)