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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.11062 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.11252 OF 2025**

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... Applicant

V/s.

Shivchaitanya Nagari Sahakari

Patsanstha Maryadit & Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. Manoj Patil with Mr. Akash Murudkar and Mr. shubham R. Dhenge for the applicant.

Mr. Prasad Kulkarni for the respondents.

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

CORAM : S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR, J.

DATED : OCTOBER 6, 2025

P.C.:

1. By order dated 18th September 2025, Mr. Madhav Yashwant Pethe was appointed as the mediator. However, it is contended on behalf of applicant that appointed mediator has a very close association with Respondent No. 1 – Society, which creates a reasonable apprehension of bias and partiality in mediation process.

2. Although this Court is not inclined to accept such allegations against appointed mediator, who has yet to commence mediation work, in order to avoid further complications, Mr. Vinod

Wamanrao Andraskar, Special Auditor Class-2, Co-op. Societies (Marketing), Ratnagiri, is appointed as mediator in place of Mr. Pethe by consent of the parties.

3. In that view of the matter, parties to appear before mediator on 13th October 2025.
4. The mediator shall submit his report to this Court by 10th December 2025.
5. Interim application stands disposed of.

(S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR, J.)