

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

(SR NO.908) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.554 OF 2024

Hanumant Shankar Kumbhar & Ors.Petitioners
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

AND

(SR. NO.909) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.555 OF 2024

Ashok Dhodiba Meher & Ors.Petitioners
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

AND

(SR. NO.910) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.556 OF 2024

Vivekanand Mallesha Pattedar & Ors.Petitioners
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

AND

(SR. NO.911) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.558 OF 2024

Sidheshwar Mahadeo Randive & Ors.Petitioners
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

AND

(SR. NO.912) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.559 OF 2024

Sayajirao Baliram WaghmarePetitioner
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

AND

(SR. NO.913) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.560 OF 2024

Ganesh Shantappa Warshetti & Ors.Petitioners
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

AND

(SR. NO.914) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.561 OF 2024
Sachin Bhimrao Gore & Ors.Petitioners
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

AND

(SR. NO.915) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.562 OF 2024
Netaji Bajrand Jadhav & Ors.Petitioners
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

AND

(SR. NO.916) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.563 OF 2024
Nagendrayya Panchalingyya Hiremath & Ors.Petitioners
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

AND

(SR. NO.917) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.564 OF 2024
Shrishail Devanand Hele & Ors.Petitioners
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

AND

(SR. NO.918) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.565 OF 2024
Satyawar Ramachandra Thokale & Ors.Petitioners
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

AND

(SR. NO.153) CONTEMPT PETITION NO.269 OF 2024

Karan Sanjay Lokhande & Ors.

....Petitioners

versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

....Respondents

Mr. Pramod A. Kulkarni, Advocate for the Petitioners.

Mr. Ashok Misal , Advocate for the Respondent No.5-Solapur ZP in CP/554/2024, CP/555/2024, CP/556/2024, CP/558/2024 and CP/559/2024.

Mr. Anand Kulkarni, Advocate for Respondent No.5-Solapur ZP in CP/560/2024, CP/561/2024, CP/562/2024, CP/563/2024, CP/564/2024, CP/565/2024 and CP/269/2024.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. a/w Mr. A.K. Naik, AGP for Respondent-State in CP/554/2024, CP/555/2024, CP/556/2024, CP/558/2024, CP/559/2024

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CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE

&

ASHWIN D. BHOBE, JJ.

DATE : 25th FEBRUARY, 2025

P.C. :-

1. In all these matters, we had issued simple notice on 14th October, 2025, keeping in view that the accused-Contemnor was the CEO of the Solapur Zilla Parishad, who had taken charge just

one month prior to the date on which we issued the notice. In our said order, we had observed that the Respondents are at liberty to comply with the order and ensure that the monthly salaries are paid.

2. The learned Additional Government Pleader submits on instructions that, Respondent Nos.1 to 4, at the very outset, tender an apology for the delay caused in implementing this order. He further submits that because of reasons attributable to change in administration, etc and paucity of funds, that there was a delay in complying with the orders.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader submits on specific instructions that the grievance of these Petitioners would be redressed within a period of 45 days and there would be no cause for the Petitioners to again approach this Court making out a grievance of non-compliance of any order of the Court.

4. The learned Advocate for the Petitioners submits on instructions that the Petitioners are satisfied. He, however, requests that this Court may record that if, unfortunately, any of the Respondents do not comply with the orders passed under the Writ

jurisdiction of this Court, and if a second Contempt Petition is required to be filed, the conduct of the concerned Officer should be treated as aggravated contempt.

5. In view of the above, **these Contempt Petitions are disposed off** in the light of the statement made by the learned Additional Government Pleader, on instructions. Needless to state, if the statement made is not honoured by the concerned Authority and if the Petitioners are required to once again prefer Contempt Petitions in this Court, we would treat the conduct of the concerned Officers as acts amounting to aggravated contempt.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)