

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO.4116 OF 2024

Maharashtra Navanirman Kamgar SenaPetitioner

Versus

The Employees Provident Fund
Organization & Ors.Respondents

Mr. Vinod Shetty for the Petitioner.
Mrs. Shehnaz V. Bharucha for Respondent Nos.1 to 3.
Mr. Anil Singh, ASG a/w. Ms. Priyanka Chavan for Respondent
No.5.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
ASHWIN D. BHOBE, JJ.
DATE : 29th APRIL, 2025**

P.C. :-

1. Considering the peculiar situation of the office of the Presiding Officers of the Central Government Industrial Tribunal (CGIT) being vacant, we requested the learned Additional Solicitor General of India to assist the Court.

2. Mr. Singh has informed us, on instructions, that it would not take too much of time for a positive development on this issue, considering the progress being made by the Union of India, through a Search-cum-Selection Committee chaired by Hon'ble Shri Justice A.S. Oka, Judge, Supreme Court of India, for appointing Presiding Officers to the various Tribunals. Mr. Singh assures us of keeping the High Court informed of further developments.

3. Insofar as the present Petition is concerned, the CGIT - 2 is now available at Mumbai and the hearing in various matters has commenced. CGIT – 1 is functioning from Lucknow and Mumbai, with visits to Mumbai for approximately two days, in two months.

4. We expect the registry of CGIT – 1 to list matters which are being lodged in 2012-2013 onwards on priority basis before the In-charge CGIT – 1. The learned Advocates physically appearing in the matters, also have the liberty to address the Presiding Officer through the virtual mode. Precedence would be given to old matters for an early decision.

5. The learned Advocate for the Petitioner would place a copy of this order before the Presiding Officer, CGIT – 1.

6. With the above directions, **this Petition is disposed off.**

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)