



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH AT NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO.1291/2024

**Sau. Rekha Suresh Chavhan Vs. The Additional Commissioner,
Amravati and others**

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CORAM: SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.

DATED : 7th AUGUST, 2025

1. Heard.

2. The petitioner was elected as a Sarpanch of the Grampanchayat. The learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner been disqualified for non-payment of tax raised by the Grampanchayat. The said contention of the complainant is supported by the Secretary of the Grampanchayat, who has filed a detailed reply stating that a demand was presented to the petitioner herein and the same has been accepted by the Collector, vis-a-vis, the Additional Collector. It is contention of the counsel for the petitioner that there is variance between the two demand bills presented on the record. However, the fact remains that the demand was raised on 30.06.2022 and failure on the part of the petitioner to pay the same within a period of three months entails disqualification under Section 14(1)

(h) of the Maharashtra Village Panchayat Act, 1958. The learned counsel for the petitioner placed reliance on the judgment in the case of *Shaukat Ali Mohd. Hussain Vs. Shaikh Ayub S/o Sk. Haji Sk. Ahmed and others*, reported in *2014(4) Mh.L.J. 658*, facts in the aforesaid case mentioned (supra), are distinguishable as therein no material was on record to show that the demand was ever presented to the petitioner. In the present case admittedly, report of the Secretary establishes that demand bill was presented to the petitioner and same is not cleared within period of three months. Resultantly, no interference is warranted in the present petition. The petition is dismissed. No order as to costs.

(SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.)