



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,
NAGPUR BENCH, AT NAGPUR.**

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.16 OF 2024

Nirmal Co-operative Society Thr. General Manager Sau. Nanda Dinesh Bante, Nandanvan,
Nagpur

vs.

State of Maharashtra, Thr. Secretary Dept. of Home, Mantralaya, Mumbai and anr.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders

Court's or Judge's orders

Shri Bhushan Dafle, Advocate for petitioner.

Shri S. S. Doifode, Addl. Public Prosecutor for respondent/State.

CORAM : ANIL L. PANSARE AND RAJ D. WAKODE, JJ.

DATED : 6th November, 2025

The petitioner shall add the Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Ministry of Co-operation as party respondent No.3. Amendment shall be carried out forthwith.

2. Issue notice to the newly added respondent No.3.

3. Ms. Neerja Choube, learned counsel waives service of notice for respondent No.3.

4. We have gone through the petition. It appears that respondent No.2 vide communication dated 29/06/2023 addressed to respondent No.3 (Annexure-VII to the petition) highlighted the alleged fraud committed by the petitioner-Society which runs into crores of rupees and requested the respondent No.3 to lodge a formal complaint under Sections 3 and 4 of the MPID Act read with relevant Sections of IPC, MSCS Act, 2002 to set the law in motion, to take legal action to protect the interest of the depositors and take steps to dissolve the present body running the Society and appoint an administrator to run the affairs of the Society.

5. The letter indicates that urgent action is warranted as there is likelihood of Society getting bankrupt, resulting loss to the depositors.

6. We are informed that no action has been taken by respondent No.3.

7. Counsel for respondent No.3 shall take instructions as to whether respondent No.3 has taken cognizance of this communication and further about the action taken if any.

8. For the time being, keep the matter at 2.30 p.m., thereafter we may grant leave to the respondent No.3's counsel to file a detailed reply.

(Raj D. Wakode, J.)

(Anil L. Pansare, J.)

LATER ON AT 2.30 PM.

9. Heard.

10. Except for vague statements, the counsel for respondent No.3 could not give us any satisfactory answer as to what steps respondent No.3 had taken pursuant to the letter received from the Commissioner of Police, Nagpur.

11. List at the end of the board.

12. Respondent No.3 shall remain personally present through video conferencing for assisting the Court.

(Raj D. Wakode, J.)

(Anil L. Pansare, J.)

LATER ON

13. Mr. Rabindra Kumar Agrawal, Central Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Delhi is present through video conferencing. He submits that he joined the office in August 2024 and further submits that he will take prompt steps and file a detailed reply about the steps taken by his office pursuant to the communication dated 29th June, 2023, made by the Commissioner of Police, Nagpur. Time granted.

14. List on 13th November, 2025.

(Raj D. Wakode, J.)

(Anil L. Pansare, J.)