

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CONT. PETITION NO. 566 OF 2024

Vinnus Daulat Shaikh ... Petitioner

Versus

State Of Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

WITH

CONT. PETITION NO. 571 OF 2024

Gunjan Hari Deo ... Petitioner

Versus

State Of Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

WITH

CONT. PETITION NO. 575 OF 2024

Pravin Kamalakar Mahadik And Ors. ... Petitioners

Versus

State Of Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Avinash Belge (Through V.C.) for the Petitioner.

Mr. Atul P. Vanarase, A.G.P. for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Mayuresh Ingale (Through V.C.) a/w. Ms. Ketaki Patil for the Respondent No.7.

Coram : ANIL L. PANSARE &
RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, JJ.

Date : 15th April 2026.

P.C. :

- 1.** The Petitioners in these Contempt Petitions are invoking contempt jurisdiction on the ground that the Respondents have willfully disobeyed orders dated 5th December 2023 and dated 11th December 2023 passed by this Court in Writ Petition No. 13456 of 2018.
- 2.** By the aforesaid orders, the Court had directed the Respondents to pay the Petitioners their arrears of salary from October 2017 to January 2019 within a period of three months of receiving copy of the order along with interest @ 6% if the order is not complied with within the said period.
- 3.** Learned counsel appearing for the Respondent-Management submits that the Management has filed application under Section 36 of the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950 and the same is pending before the Joint Charity Commissioner, Pune. He further submits that the Management shall pursue the proceedings for expeditious disposal. He further submits that upon receiving the sale proceeds, the arrears of salary shall be paid to the Petitioners. The said statement is accepted.
- 4.** Learned A.G.P., on instructions of Mr. Gadhave, Superintendent, office of the Joint Charity Commissioner, Pune, submits that the Joint Charity Commissioner will decide the said proceedings as expeditiously as possible. The statement is accepted.

5. With the aforesaid set of facts, we are of the considered view that no case is made out for willful disobedience of the impugned orders, at the most one may attribute negligence at the hands of the Respondents. However, the case is not such where the Respondents can be blamed for willful disobedience of the orders.

6. Nonetheless, considering the fact that this Court had directed the Respondents to pay the arrears of salary to the Petitioners within stipulated time, we expect the Respondents to expeditiously take requisite steps. If the arrears of salary is not paid within six months from today, the Petitioners shall be at liberty to revive the prayer, and upon such revival, the same shall be considered on its own merits.

7. The Contempt Petitions are accordingly disposed of.

[RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, J.]

[ANIL L. PANSARE, J.]