IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.11890 OF 2026

Sandeep Tatyarao Patange .. Petitioner
Vs.
State of Maharashtra,
Through the Addl. Chief Secretary,
Food and Drug Administration and Anr. .. Respondents

Mr. Rajeshwar G. Panchal with Mr. Sarang S. Gundajwar and Mr. Vivekanand G. Panchal, Advocates for the Petitioner.

Smt. R.A. Salunkhe, AGP for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra.

Mr. Chaitanya Purankar with Ms. Anshu Agrawal, Advocates, i/by Anshu Agrawal & Co., for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : SUMAN SHYAM &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, JJ.

DATE : 5th October, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr. Panchal, learned counsel for the Petitioner. Also heard Smt. Salunkhe, learned AGP for Respondent No.1 and Mr. Purankar, learned counsel appearing for Respondent No.2.

2. The Petitioner is aggrieved by the order dated 13th July, 2026 passed by the learned Maharashtra Administrative Tribunal, Mumbai in Miscellaneous Application No.383 of 2026 arising out of Original Application No.583 of 2026 primarily on the ground that the learned Tribunal has not passed any order on the prayer for interim relief made

by the writ Petitioner/Applicant. It appears from the projections made through the record of this case that the writ Petitioner, as Original Applicant, has assailed the transfer order dated 12th June, 2026 by means of which Respondent No.2 was transferred and posted in place of the Petitioner at Thane, Zone-3. The contention of the Petitioner is that there are other vacancies available where the Authorities could have accommodated the Petitioner himself in Thane, Zone-3 but the same has not been done.

3. From a perusal of the order dated 13th July, 2026, it appears that the learned Tribunal is proposing to finally dispose of the Original Application at the stage of admission/hearing. However, in a matter of this nature, undue delay in issuing an order either in favour or against the Applicant would cause prejudice not only to the Applicant/Petitioner but also to Respondent No.2 who is supposed to join in that post.

4. In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we dispose of this Writ Petition with the following directions:-

(i) The learned Tribunal shall dispose of Original Application No.583 of 2026, which is fixed on 16th October, 2026, by a reasoned order.

(ii) If the same is not possible for any reason, the learned Tribunal may pass a reasoned order in Miscellaneous Application No.383 of 2026 whereby the writ Petitioner/Applicant has made a prayer for ad-interim relief.

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.] **[SUMAN SHYAM, J.]**

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