

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 4148 OF 2026

Anjuman Islam Janjira Murud

..Petitioner

Versus

Maharashtra State Board of Waqf
Panchaaki & ors.

...Respondents

Mr. Mutahhar Khan a/w Chowdhari Moinuddin, for the
Petitioner.

Mr. Yatin S Khochare, "B" Panel Counsel, for Respondent No.3

CORAM : N. J. JAMADAR, J.

DATE : 01st APRIL 2026

Oral Order:

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the parties.
2. The challenge in this petition is to an order dated 04th November, 2025, passed by the Maharashtra State Waqf Tribunal, Aurangabad, whereby the Tribunal has directed the parties to maintain status quo as of that date, till the next date.
3. This petition has a prelude. A WP/13485/2025 was filed assailing the communication dated 16th September, 2025 issued by the District Waqf Officer, Raigad, thereby restraining the newly elected committee from interfering with the administration of the Waqf.

4. In the said writ petition, by an order dated 17th October, 2025, this Court has granted an ad-interim relief opining that, *prima facie* the District Waqf Officer has exceeded the jurisdiction vested in him.

5. By an order dated 17th October, 2025, the Chief Executive Officer, Waqf Board, informed the District Waqf Officer, Raigad that during the pendency of the change report, the newly elected committee would manage the affairs of the Waqf.

6. Being aggrieved, the Respondent No. 2 has filed an application, being Waqf Application No. 103/2025, before the Waqf Tribunal. By an order dated 30th October, 2025 the Waqf Tribunal recorded the statements made on behalf of the parties that, no policy decision would be taken in respect of Waqf institution in question, except the payment of salaries of the staff and payment of electricity charges and for other essential services/charges.

7. By a further order dated 04th November, 2025, the Waqf Tribunal directed the parties to maintain the status quo. The applicants in the said application were permitted to draw the salaries and make payments for essential services through

banking channel.

8. The grievance of the petitioner is that, by the impugned order the Respondent No. 2, who has ceased to be a trustee of the Waqf institution, is permitted to operate the accounts of the waqf institution and by taking undue advantage of the permission to draw the salaries and make payment for essential services, the Respondent No. 2 is taking policy decisions and incurring huge expenditure.

9. Since the challenge in this petition is to an order directing the parties to maintain status quo and the Waqf Tribunal has permitted the applicants in the Waqf Application to only draw the salaries and make payment of essential services through banking channel, at this juncture, while the interim application awaits adjudication before the Waqf Tribunal, there is no propriety in entertaining the petition. However, it would be expedient in the interest of justice that the application for interim relief in Waqf Application No. 103/2025, is heard and decided expeditiously.

10. Hence, the Writ Petition stands disposed with a request to the Waqf Tribunal to decide the Interim Application filed by the

Applicants in Waqf Application No. 103/2025 as expeditiously as possible and, preferably, within a period of two months from the next listing of the Waqf Application No. 103/2025.

11. In the meanwhile, all the parties shall scrupulously comply with the directions in the impugned order.

[N. J. JAMADAR, J.]