



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO.7208 OF 2026

Ganesan Venkatraman & Ors.

....Petitioners

V/S

The Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Societies & Ors.

....Respondents

Mr. Bhavik Lalan a/w Mr. Yohan Mehta, Mr. Suraj Iyer i/b Ganesh & Co.
for the Petitioners.

Ms. Mamta S. Srivastava, AGP *for Respondent/State.*

Mr. Vivek Sharma – Intervener.

Mr. Dhanraj P. Pawar, Co-operative Officer Grade-I, Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Societies M-Ward, Mumbai present in Court.

CORAM : SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.

DATE : 17 JUNE 2026.

P.C.:

1. When the Petition heard on 11 June 2026, following order was passed:

“1) One of the grievance raised in the Petition is that the report of inquiry conducted under Section 83 of the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960 has not been provided to the Society. Sub-section (4) of Section 83 mandates that result of inquiry conducted under the Section needs to be communicated to the society, whose affairs are investigated. Mr. Sawant, the learned AGP seeks time to take instructions.

2) List the Petition for further consideration on 17 June 2026 under caption ‘for circulation’.”

2. The learned AGP produces copy of communication dated 2 January 2026 issued by the Society to the Deputy Registrar asking for copy of the

Enquiry Report. It appears that Enquiry Report has been submitted to the Society on 2 January 2026. In that view of the matter, nothing remains to be adjudicated in the Petition.

3. The learned counsel appearing for Petitioners expresses an apprehension that the Enquiry Officer is likely to make a report without grant of an opportunity of hearing to the Petitioners. However, it appears that the Enquiry Officer has already framed charges. He is bound to give an opportunity of hearing to the Petitioners before ascertaining their liability under Section 88 of the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960. The apprehension is thus clearly misplaced.

4. The Writ Petition is accordingly **disposed of**. There shall be no order as to costs.

(SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.)