



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 2465 OF 2026

Macchindranath Matsyavyavasay Co-operative Society Ltd.

Vs.

State of Maharashtra & Ors.

*Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
Appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders.*

Court's or Judge's order

Mr. P.A. Kadu, Advocate for the Petitioner (thr. V.C.).
Ms. Kalyani Marpakwar, AGP for the Respondents/State.

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR AND RAJ D. WAKODE, JJ.

DATE : 26.03.2026

Heard Mr. P.A. Kadu, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner through video conferencing.

2. The petitioner-society has approached this Court challenging the order dated 25th February, 2026 passed by respondent No.3 – District Level Water Body Contract Committee, Amravati, whereby the contract of the petitioner has been cancelled.

3. The contention is that the petitioner's contract has been cancelled by the aforesaid Committee without granting an opportunity of hearing. However, a perusal of the petition reveals that the fishing contract was granted to the petitioner on 19th August, 2022 in respect of tank 'Bahada' and on 28th June, 2024 in respect of tank 'Shekdari'.

4. On 19th December, 2025, respondent No.2 issued a show cause notice to the petitioner on the ground that a complaint had been received alleging that the petitioner-society had executed a sub-contract in respect of the aforesaid two tanks,

thereby violating the provisions of the Government Resolution. The petitioner submitted its reply to the said show cause notice on 29th December, 2025.

5. Since the authority was not satisfied with the reply submitted by the petitioner-society, an opportunity of hearing was granted to the petitioner on 21st January, 2026. This position is also stated by the petitioner in the petition itself. After granting such opportunity of hearing, the impugned order dated 25th February, 2026 came to be passed by respondent No.3 – Committee, on the ground that the petitioner had violated Clause No.23 of the Government Resolution dated 3rd July, 2019.

6. The Government Resolution dated 3rd July, 2019, which lays down the policy of the Government of Maharashtra regarding allotment of fishing tanks, is at record page No.91 (Annexure-IV). A perusal of the said Government Resolution reveals that Clause 33 provides an alternative remedy of appeal to the petitioner-society before the Appellate Authority. Such appeal is required to be filed within a period of 90 days before the Commissioner of Fisheries.

7. In view of the aforesaid facts, and in light of the availability of an alternate remedy to the petitioner for redressal of its grievance against the impugned order, the writ petition is accordingly **dismissed**.

(RAJ D. WAKODE, J.)

(ANIL S. KILOR, J.)