

Resumed on S.A.**Cross examination by Adv. Smt. S. V. Thorat for the respondent.**

6. It is correct to say that I have challenged C-18 and C-19 in this matter. It is correct to say that, I have, of my own, taken ESI Code by filling form O-1. The address given by me on Form O-1 dtd. 2.1.2017 is correct. The number of employees in my establishment were 21. My coverage was initiated from 1.12.2016. It is correct to say that I have submitted my form O-1 and sought coverage from ESI Corporation. It is correct to say that at the time of my declaration under Form O-1 the ESI contribution was 6.5%. Witness further states that I used to pay contribution at 4% for the rural area and 6% for Municipality Area. It is not correct to say that my work was not in the rural area but in the Municipality Area. It is correct to say that notice under C-18 was given to me on the grounds that I have paid short contribution for employees in my establishment. I also received C-19. It is not correct to say that I have not filed the challan beyond stipulated period. I have not produced the original agreement signed between myself and principal employer on record. It is not correct to say that since my address is in Municipality Area, my ESI coverage is 6.5% & not 4%.

7. It is not correct to say that all the contents of my affidavit are false and I am deposing falsely.

No re-exam. Witness is discharged.

R.O.A.C.

Sd/-

Kolhapur.

(N. A. Malunjkar)

Judge,

Date :- 06.03.2026

Employees' Insurance Court, Kolhapur.