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

CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 40 OF 2026

Popat Arjun Dhondge and Ors. ... Petitioners
V/s.
Shri Umesh Wavre,
Dy. Conservator of Forest and Ors. ... Respondents

**AND
CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 41 OF 2026**

Ms. Suchita J. Pawar for the petitioners in both contempt petitions.

Mr. P.G. Sawant, AGP, for the State in both contempt petitions.

CORAM : AMIT BORKAR, J.

DATED : APRIL 1, 2026

P.C.:

1. Not on board. Upon mentioning, taken on board for speaking to the minutes of the order dated 26 March 2026.

2. Paragraph 4 of the order dated 26 March 2026 be substituted with the following:

“4. In such a situation, the continued non-compliance on the part of the respondents cannot be viewed as a procedural delay. It assumes the character of disobedience of the orders of this Court. The sequence of events clearly shows that despite lapse of the original period, despite grant of additional time, and despite dismissal of proceedings before the higher Court, the respondents have not complied with the directions. This conduct, on the face of the record, makes

out a prima facie case for invoking the provisions of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.”

3. Rest of the order shall remain as it is.
4. Accordingly, correction to be carried out in the original order and upload the same as order No.2.

(AMIT BORKAR, J.)