



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.3518 OF 2026**

Mohan Rajaram Khade and Anr. ... Petitioners
versus
Divisional Commissioner Konkan Division
and Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Prashant Raul i/by Mr. Vivek Thakare with Mr. Mandar Shingade, for Petitioners.

Mrs. M.S.Srivastava, AGP for Respondent Nos.1 and 3.

Mr. Krutik P. Kamble, for Respondent No.2.

Mr. sagar G. Talekar, for Respondent No.4.

CORAM: N.J.JAMADAR, J.

DATE : 16 MARCH 2026

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1. Heard the learned Counsel for the parties.
2. A limited prayer in the Petition is to direct the Appellate Authority (R3) to decide the main Appeal No.VPM 2025/Pra. No.72/PA.RA 6, filed by the Respondent No.2, as expeditiously as possible.
3. By an order dated 3 October 2025 in WP No.12602 of 2025, this Court had directed the Appellate Authority to decide the application for intervention expeditiously, and, thereafter, depending upon the outcome of the application for intervention, decide the appeal also, as expeditiously as possible.
4. The grievance of the Petitioners is that, neither the intervention application, nor the appeal has been decided by the Appellate Authority.
5. In view of the mandate contained in Section 39(3) of the Maharashtra

Village Panchayats Act, 1959, the appeal is required to be determined in a time frame.

6. Since the Appellate Authority has not decided the intervention application in the appeal, despite directions of this Court in the order dated 3 October 2025, the Writ Petition stands disposed with a direction to decide the appeal, including the intervention application, as expeditiously as possible, and, preferably within a period of one month from 30 March 2026, on which date the parties shall appear before the Appellate Authority.

7. Writ Petition stands disposed.

8. However, post the Petition for reporting compliance on 4 May 2026.

(N.J.JAMADAR, J.)