

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
SUO MOTO CONTEMPT PETITION NO.3 OF 2026
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6127 OF 2025**

High Court On Its Own Motion Petitioner

Versus

The Chief Executive Officer,
Maharashtra State Waqf Board,
Aurangabad Respondent

Mr. Hanif Shaikh for the Petitioner.
Ms. Rukshin Ghiara a/w. Mr. Ishwar Ahuja i/b. Saga Legal for
Respondent No.2 in Writ Petition.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE
&
ABHAY J. MANTRI, JJ.**

DATE : 23rd MARCH, 2026

P.C. :-

1. *A suo motu* Contempt of Court notice was issued to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Waqf Board, returnable today. The learned Advocate appears on behalf of the Board. Though the notice was issued under the Contempt of Courts Act, the CEO, namely Mr. Junaid Sayyed, is not present in the Court hall.

2. The learned Advocate appearing on behalf of the Board submits that, though Respondent No.2 has information that a notice has been issued under the Contempt of Courts Act, she is instructed

to inform the Court that the notice has still not been served on the CEO, Mr. Junaid Sayyed.

3. The learned Advocate for the Petitioner informs that the CEO has now changed and Mr. Faiyaz Khan has taken over as the CEO of the Maharashtra State Waqf Board at Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar. The earlier CEO, Mr. Junaid Sayyed, who has been issued notice under the Contempt of Courts Act, is at the following address :

Maharashtra State Board of Waqf
Panchakki, Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar – 431 002

4. Leave to add the earlier CEO, Mr. Junaid Sayyed, by name along with his address as Respondent No.5. Amendment to be carried out forthwith.

5. Office to re-issue notice to Respondent No.5, Mr. Junaid Sayyed, in the format prescribed under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, returnable on **7th May, 2026**.

6. In the meanwhile, we direct the learned Principal District Judge, Chhatrapati Sambhaji nagar (Aurangabad), to cause

an inquiry and submit a report to this Court, prior to the returnable date, as to why the earlier notice dated 12th March, 2026, has not been served upon the then CEO Mr. Junaid Sayyed.

(ABHAY J. MANTRI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)