



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 3974 OF 2025

Bharat Ashok Bhandarkar ...Petitioner
Versus
Malegaon Municipal Corporation, Malegaon
Through Commissioner And Anr. ...Respondents

Mr. Kishan Chaudhari a/w Rajabhau Chaudhari for the Petitioner.
Ms. Sayali Apte a/w Mr. Murlidharan Kalathil i/b. P.G. Lad for Respondent
No.2.

**CORAM : R. I. CHAGLA AND
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, JJ.**

DATED : 14TH JANUARY, 2026

P.C.:-

1. By order dated 19 March 2025 this Court had issued notice to the Respondents placing the matters on the returnable date. Further, this Court had directed that any further steps taken by Respondent No.2 pursuant to the advertisement issued in the newspaper shall be subject to the outcome of this Writ Petition.
2. It appears that the notice has not been served on the Respondent No.1 due to non-supply of copies of the Petition.
3. The learned Advocate for the Petitioner are directed to supply copies of the Petition in order for the Court Notice to be issued to the Respondent No.1. Upon supply of copies of the Petition, the Registry is directed to issue



fresh notice to the Respondent No.1, returnable on 16 February 2026.

4. In addition to Court notice, Advocates for the Petitioner shall serve by way of private service on Respondent No.1 and file affidavit of service prior to the next date.

5. The Respondent No.2 appears through counsel and informs the Court that they have filed their affidavit-in-reply to the Writ Petition.

6. The Respondent No.1 shall also file their affidavit-in-reply upon service of the Petition and which shall be filed within a period of two weeks from receipt of Court notice.

7. Place the Writ Petition for consideration on the returnable date.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA, J.]