



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

**CONTEMPT PETITION (ST.) NO.10755 OF 2026
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.13116 OF 2025**

Mangesh Anand Agale and Anr. .. Petitioners
Versus
Eknath Pawar and Ors. Respondents /
.. Contemnors

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• Mr. Vinayak Suthar, Advocate for Petitioners.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : APRIL 17, 2026

P.C.:

- 1.** Not on Board. Mentioned by way of filing praecipe dated 17.04.2026. Perused the praecipe.
- 2.** Heard Mr. Suthar, learned Advocate for Petitioners.
- 3.** Substantive directions were given by virtue of the order dated 13.10.2025 while disposing of the Writ Petition. Copy of the said order was directed to be placed before the Secretary, Public Health Department, State of Maharashtra by the Chief Government Pleader of this Court. The Government Pleader appearing in the matter was also directed to apprise the Dean of Sassoon General Hospital, Pune and bring the order passed by this Court to his notice for implementation.



4. Grievance is made by Petitioners that despite the directions contained in paragraph No.13 of the order and all compliances been in place, the order dated 13.10.2025 till date remains a paper-tiger only.

5. An arguable case has been made by Petitioners for issuance of notice to Respondents. Respondents are all functionaries of State Government rather high ranking functionaries. In that view of the matter, though I am inclined to issue notice for contempt, at this juncture I am issuing notice in the Contempt Petition to enable Respondents to take cognizance of the Contempt Petition and the order dated 13.10.2025 and accordingly appear before this Court and apprise the Court as to what steps they are inclined to take to comply with the implementation of the said order.

6. Hence, issue notice to Respondents.

7. Humdast permitted. In addition to Court's notice, Petitioners are directed to serve the Respondents a copy of Petition and inform about the next date of hearing by any permissible mode of service and file appropriate affidavit of service with tangible proof thereof.

8. Copy of this order be placed before Chief Government Pleader of Appellate Side and all Respondents by Advocate for Petitioners. Learned Government Pleader shall depute a responsible Government Pleader to appear in the matter with appropriate instructions on the next adjourned date.



9. While passing the order and dismissing the original Writ Petition filed by the State, this Court has clearly opined that merely dismissing the Writ Petition will be of no consequence as this Court has expressed apprehension that the workers will once again be left at the mercy of the Courts and delays in implementation. The apprehension as expressed by this Court in paragraph No.11 has come true.

10. In that view of the matter, if this Court is not apprised about taking appropriate steps and a definitive timeline for implementation of the directions contained in the order dated 13.10.2025 on the next adjourned date, this Court will not be charitable at all. This is a fit case for issuance of contempt notice to all Respondents / Contemnors before me otherwise.

11. Stand over to **27th April 2026**. To be placed under the caption '**First on Board**'.

12. Praecipe is disposed.

H. H. SAWANT

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]