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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 354 OF 2024

Eknath Mahadev Bhagwat & Ors.

.. Petitioner

Versus

Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd & Ors.

.. Respondent

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- Mr. Ashmita Goradia & Ms. Priyanka Dadpe i/by Aagam Doshi for Petitioner
- Mr. Arjun S. Pawar, Advocate for Respondents

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : JUNE 26, 2025

P. C.:

1. Heard Mr. Goradia, learned Advocate for Petitioner and Mr. Pawar, learned Advocate for Respondent.

2. Mr. Pawar, learned Advocate for Respondents – Contemnor Company informs the Court that one Mr. Deepak Bhujbal, Senior Officer, HR Legal of Respondent - Company is instructing him in the matter. Judgment & Order dated 27.09.2023 is the order passed by this Court of which contempt is alleged in the present Contempt Petition.

3. I have heard Ms. Goradia, learned Advocate for Petitioner.

4. The employees have all superannuated in the year 2018 and they are entitled to the gratuity amount. Though a request is made by Mr. Pawar that there is some dispute in computation of the amount, I

am not inclined to accept the said submission across the bar. Respondent - Company is directed to comply with the order of which contempt is alleged and pay the amount to the employees failing which the Court shall be constrained to issue contempt notice to Respondents. If Respondent - Company does not comply with the said order, this Court shall pass order directing the Company to deposit the entire amount along with interest in this Court forthwith on the next adjourned date.

5. Mr. Deepak Bhujbal, Senior Officer, HR Legal of Respondent - Company is directed to remain present in Court on the next adjourned date.

6. At the request of Mr. Pawar, stand over to **10th July, 2025**. To be listed under the caption "**First on Board**".

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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