

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY****CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****CONTEMPT PETITION NO.464 OF 2023****IN****CONTEMPT PETITION NO.14 OF 2021**

Madhukar Bhagu Kawde

... Petitioner

**V/s.**

Ajay More &amp; Ors.

... Respondents

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Mr. Sanjiv Sawant a/w. Adv. Abhishek Deshmukh, Adv. Digvijay Palande for the Petitioner.

Smt. Nisha Mehra, AGP, for the Respondent No.5-State.

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**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND  
KAMAL KHATA, JJ.**

**DATE : 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**P.C.:-**

1) This is yet another case where the Orders passed by this Court are not complied with by the concerned Revenue Authorities by raising specious pleas of committing some inadvertent mistakes or errors in maintaining the revenue records.

2) As we have observed in our earlier Orders, a citizen of India cannot be compelled or permitted to run from pillar to post for redressal of their grievances, even after 75 years of the Constitution having come into

force. According to us, the concerned Revenue Authorities are misusing their power and position to harass the citizens instead of using their powers to help and assist them as per the Constitutional mandate.

3) In view thereof, we deem it appropriate to direct the Divisional Commissioner, Pune, to file his detailed Reply to the Petition.

3.1) Said Reply be filed within a period of six weeks from today without seeking an extension in that behalf.

3) Stand over to 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2026.

**(KAMAL KHATA, J.)**

**(A.S. GADKARI, J.)**