

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

WRIT PETITION NO.10330 OF 2025

Shambhu Dhondiram PawarPetitioner
Vs.
State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

Mr. S. R. Borulkar, Advocate with Mr. S. S. Borulkar i/b Shubham Dhenge
for the Petitioner.

Mr. N. C. Walimbe, Addl. G. P with Smt. R. M. Shinde, AGP for the
Respondent-State.

**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.
DATE : 26th FEBRUARY, 2026.**

PC.:-

1) Record *prima facie* indicates that, the Tahsildar, Taluka Khed, District Pune without having any authority in law has filed his Affidavit in reply dated 29th September 2025 to the Petition. Any document indicating that, the powers were delegated to him by the Collector of Pune is not annexed to the said Affidavit to even remotely infer that, he was authorised to file Affidavit in reply. We therefore direct the Collector of Pune to file his detail reply to the Petition.

1.1) The Collector of Pune shall not delegate its power to any subordinate Officer while filing the reply.

- 1.2) The said reply be filed within a period of four weeks from today.
- 2) Stand over to 2nd April, 2026.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)