

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

**CONTEMPT PETITION NO.65 OF 2026
IN
CIVIL WRIT PETITION NO.12025 OF 2025**

Shrihari Manik Darekar & Anr.Petitioners
Vs.
Balasaheb Mhaske,
Tahasildar, ShirurRespondent

Mr. Nilesh Wable i/by Mr. Sumit Khaire, for the Petitioners.
Mr. B.V. Samant, Addl.GP a/w Smt. S.D. Chipde, AGP for the Respondent-
State.
Mr. Balasaheb Mhaske, Tahsildar, Shirur, present.

**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.
DATE : 20th FEBRUARY, 2026.**

PC.:-

1) In furtherance of Order dated 12th February 2026 Mr. Balasaheb Mhaske, the Tahsildar, Shirur, District Pune is personally present before this Court. Learned AGP tendered across the Bar a photocopy of his Affidavit dated 18th February 2026. Though the Respondent in his Affidavit has not stated as to when he received the Order dated 10th September 2025, Exhibit-G annexed to the Petition reveals that, the office of the Tahsildar, Shirur received the Order of this Court on 26th September 2025.

1.1) The operative para No.(i) of Order dated 10th September 2025 reads as under:-

“ i) We direct Respondent no.3 i.e. the Tahsildar, Shirur, Taluka Shirur, District Pune to consider and decide pending Re-Inquiry Application No.6 of 2018 filed by the Petitioners as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of four weeks from the date this order is made available to Respondent No.3 by the Petitioners.”

2) It is thus clear that, the Respondent ought to have complied with the said Order within a period of four weeks from the date of its receipt. As noted earlier, the Respondent received the said Order on 26th September 2025 and he ought to have complied with it on or before 25th October 2025.

2.1) In para No.3 of his Affidavit dated 18th February 2026, the Respondent has admitted the fact that, he issued Notices to the Petitioners on 14th October 2025 and made it returnable on 11th November 2025. It is thus clear that, from 26th September 2025 till 14th October 2025 the Respondent did not adopt any steps for complying with the directions issued vide Order dated 10th September 2025. Even today also the said Order is not complied with and the Respondent through the learned AGP is seeking further time to comply it. It be noted here that, till date the Respondent has not taken any pains even to file an Application seeking extension for complying with Order dated 10th September 2025.

3) It is thus apparent that, the Respondent has clearly violated the

Order dated 10th September 2025 and continues with it till date. Thus according to us, the act committed by the Respondent squarely falls within the purview of Section 2(b) read with Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

4) At this stage, learned AGP seeks time to address in defence of Respondent.

4.1) At the request of learned AGP, stand over to 5th March 2026.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)