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

**CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 10 OF 2026
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 13177 OF 2023**

Sandip Ganpat Hadbal and Ors. ... Petitioners
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Anr. ... Respondents

**ALONGWITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 13177 OF 2023**

Sandip Ganpat Hadbal and Ors. ... Petitioners
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Anr. ... Respondents

**ALOGNWITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 435 OF 2026
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 13177 OF 2023**

The Zilla Parishad, Palghar
through its Chief Executive Officer ... Applicant

IN THE MATTER BETWEEN :

Sandip Ganpat Hadbal and Ors. ... Petitioners
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Ors. ... Respondents

Ms. Madhavi Ayyappan a/w Mr. Vidyasagar Bhawe i/b Talekar and Associates for the Petitioners.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. a/w Mr. V.G. Badgujar, AGP for Respondent No.1 – State.

Mr. Abhinandan Vagyani i/b Mr. C.M. Lokesh for Respondent No.2.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND
HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, JJ.**

DATE : 5th MAY, 2026

P.C. :

1. On 24th March 2026, we had passed the following order :-

1. The learned Advocate Shri Vagyani appears on behalf of the Zilla Parishad, Palghar, Respondent No.2 and submits on instructions from Smt. Sonali Mathekar, Education Officer (Primary) Zilla Parishad, Palghar, who is present in the Court Hall that the order of this Court dated 29th November, 2024 shall be implemented from the first week of April 2026. The arrears of payments of these Petitioners to the extent of 50% of the amounts would be paid within a period of 30 days from today and the remaining 50% arrears would be paid within 30 days thereafter.

2. The learned Advocate Shri Talekar is satisfied to the extent of the statement, but requests that the Petition may not be disposed off.

3. In the light of the above, we are listing this Petition on 5th May, 2026 for recording part-compliance.

2. Even the order dated 24th March 2026, which records the consent of the Respondents, has not been implemented.

3. Since this Court passed an order by consent on 24th March, 2026, CEO Shri. Ranade issued a communication dated 30th April, 2026 to all the Block Development Officers, Panchayat Samiti, informing them that the said primary schools would be shut down and the employment of the contractual employees, who are beneficiaries of the order of the Writ Court, would be brought to an end on 30th April, 2026.

This is visible from the latest communication, placed before us along with a short affidavit filed by the Petitioner (Page Nos. 51 to 77). Since this Petition was listed today, the CEO Shri. Manoj Ranade issued a communication yesterday, dated 4th May, 2026 withdrawing his earlier decision. Copy of the said communication along with one more communication dated 4th May, 2026 (3 Pages), are taken on record and marked as “**X-1**” for identification.

4. We are, therefore, **issuing Contempt Notice** to the Chief Executive Officer of the Palghar Zilla Parishad, in the format prescribed under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, returnable on **29th June, 2026**. The CEO, Palghar Shri. Manoj Ranade, will file his affidavit in reply on or before 20th June, 2026 to explain why charges should not be framed against him in the contempt proceedings.

(HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)