



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (L.) NO. 5278 OF 2026

Vinayak Gopinath Vengurlekar

.....PETITIONER

: VERSUS :

Union of India, through its Ministry
of Labour and Employment & Ors.

....RESPONDENTS

Mr. Shailesh S. Pathak with Mr. Faran Khan, Mr. Punit Damodar and
Mr. Akshay Dhayalkar i/b. Kanga & Co, for the Petitioner.

Mrs. Shehnaz V. Bharucha, for Respondent Nos.2 and 3.

CORAM: SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.

DATED: 20 FEBRUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1) Ms. Bharucha, the learned counsel appearing for Respondent Nos.2 and 3 seeks and is granted 2 weeks time to file Affidavit-in-Reply.

2) Mr.Pathak, the learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner, invites the attention of this Court to the order passed in the case of **Mr. Hiroo Advani Versus. The Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner & Recovery Officer & Ors.**¹ in which this Court has made

¹ Writ Petition No.13980 of 2017 decided on 21.12.2017



prima-facie observations that the employer/principal employer is the Company and not the Director.

3) In that view of the matter, the Respondents shall not take any coercive steps till the next date. List the petition on **13 March 2026**.

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