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

**CONTEMPT PETITION (ST) NO. 14840 OF 2026
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 483 OF 2025**

Dhanashri Ramesh Karkhanis

...Petitioner

Versus

Sangeeta Hasmukh Ravat

Dean of Seth G.S. Medical College

And K.E.M Hospital (Contemnor No.1)

...Respondent

Mr. Subit Chakrabarti a/w Ms. Chaitrika Patki, Ms. Khushnumah Banerjee and Ms. Aashka Vora i/b. Vidhi Partners for the Petitioner.

Ms. Rupali Adhate i/b. Ms. Komal Punjabi for Respondent – BMC.

Ms. Nisha S. Shegokar, Administrative Officer, Seth G.S. Medical College – present.

Mr. Himanshu Takke, AGP for Respondent No.4 – State.

**CORAM : R. I. CHAGLA AND
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, JJ.**

DATED : 5 MAY, 2026

P.C.:-

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. By this Contempt Petition, the Petitioner seeks directions against the Respondents in as much as they have failed to comply with the directions contained in the Judgment and Order of this Court dated 27 February 2026 passed in Writ Petition No.483 of 2025.
3. The learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner in these proceedings has drawn our attention to the order in Writ Petition No.483 of 2025. The

operative part of the order reads thus:-

“ORDER

- a) The Petition is Allowed. The Rule is made absolute.
- b) We accordingly quash and set aside the Impugned Communication dated 21 October 2024 addressed to the Petitioner by Respondent No.2.
- c) We direct the Respondents to pay and extend the maternity benefits to the Petitioner as entitled under the Maternity Benefits Act, 1961, expeditiously, not later than within a period of six weeks from the date of this order being uploaded.
- d) No order as to costs.
- e) Interim Application No.812 of 2025 filed in the said Petition would accordingly not survive and the same is disposed of.”

4. He would submit that this Court has specifically directed that the maternity benefits under the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 shall be released to the Petitioner expeditiously not later than within a period of 6 weeks from the date of the said order being uploaded. However, he submits that the said directions are not being complied with and therefore, according to the Petitioner, the Respondents are in contempt.

5. Ms. Adhate, learned counsel appearing for the Respondents has tendered across the bar a communication dated 16 March 2026 endorsed by the Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation on 29 April 2026. This communication is taken on record and marked as **Exh.-“X”** for identification. According to the said communication, the amounts of maternity benefits payable to the Petitioner as directed vide order of this

Court dated 27 February 2026 shall be computed and released in favour of the Petitioner. This exercise shall be positively carried out within a period not later than 2 weeks from the date of uploading of this order.

6. Ms. Nisha Shegokar, Administrative Officer of the Municipal Corporation is present in Court whose presence is duly recorded.

7. Place this Contempt Petition for “Compliance” on 8 June 2026.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA, J.]