

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

WRIT PETITION NO. 4761 OF 2015

FAKIRCHAND BHIKA SATPUTE AND OTHERS  
VERSUS  
RUPCHAND PARASRAM RATHOD AND OTHERS

Advocate for Petitioners : Mr. B.V. Thombre  
Advocate for Respondent Nos. 1, 2 & 4 : Mr. V.P. Raje  
Advocate for Respondent No. 5 to 7 : Mr. S.K. Mathpati  
AGP for Respondent Nos. 8 & 9 : Mr. K.B. Jadhavar

**CORAM : PRITHVIRAJ K. CHAVAN, J.  
Dated : 06.04.2022**

**PER COURT :**

1. This petition is pending since 2015, challenging an impugned order dated 30.03.2015 passed by Member, Maharashtra Revenue Tribunal, Aurangabad, restoring an order dated 30.05.2014 passed by the Deputy Collector, Aurangabad.
2. Learned counsel representing the petitioners and respondents made a grievance before this Court on 03.07.2019 that the State has not filed its affidavit-in-reply, despite putting its appearance on an order dated 10.11.2018 to that effect. The then AGP categorically stated that an affidavit-in-reply would be filed on or before 23.07.2019. This Court by way of last chance accepted the request of the AGP with the rider that if

reply is not filed on behalf of the State on or before 23.07.2019 then the State shall be precluded from filing an affidavit-in-reply.

3. Admittedly, no reply came to be filed till date which exhibits the lethargy on the part of the State. Be that as it may.

4. Even the petitioners, it seems, are not interested in prosecuting the petition as adjournments have been sought in the past under one pretext or the other.

5. Today Mr. Thombre, learned counsel for the petitioners takes an excuse of non-filing of the reply by the State instead of showing his readiness to proceed with the matter.

6. In view of the aforesaid facts, list the petition on 08.06.2022 for passing necessary orders / directions.

( PRITHVIRAJ K. CHAVAN, J. )