



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

14 WRIT PETITION NO. 4558 OF 2020

Dayanand Rangrao Sartape

VERSUS

Tulasabai Dagdu Kamble

15 WRIT PETITION NO. 4559 OF 2020

Dayanand Rangrao Sartape

VERSUS

Uttamprasad Lawkhelal Tiwari Through Lrs Rajkumaru Uttamprasad
Tiwari And Others

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4557 OF 2020

(Not on board. Taken on board.)

Dayanand Rangrao Sartape

VERSUS

Sopan Tukaram Ronge Thr. LRS & Ors.

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Advocate for the Petitioner/s : Mr. Deshpande Amit S.

Advocate for Respondent/s : Adv. L. S. Shaikh h/f Mr. V. P. Golewar

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CORAM : SIDDHESHWAR S. THOMBRE, J.

DATE : 04.05.2026

PER COURT :

1. Heard the learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. By the present petitions, the petitioner assails the orders dated 23.01.2019, 22.03.2019 and 22.03.2019 passed by the learned Labour Court, Latur in Application (IDA) Nos.18/2015, 01/2015 and 02/2015.
3. Mr. Deshpande, learned counsel for the petitioner, invites my

attention to the impugned orders dated 23.01.2019, 22.03.2019 and 22.03.2019 passed by the learned Judge, Labour Court, Latur. He submits that though the petitioner was served, he failed to file the written statement and, therefore, the proceedings were conducted ex-parte. He further submits that the complaint came to be allowed on the basis of the available record.

4. Per contra, Mr. Golewar, learned counsel for the respondents, submits that despite service, the petitioner failed to appear and contest the proceedings before the Labour Court. He further submits that the order was passed in 2019 and the present petitions are filed in the year 2020. According to him, no useful purpose would be served by remanding the matter at this stage.

5. Upon hearing the learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record, it appears that though the petitioner was duly served, he failed to participate in the proceedings and the matter proceeded ex-parte. Consequently, the petitioner did not get an opportunity to contest the matter on merits.

6. In the interest of justice, an opportunity deserves to be granted to the petitioner to contest the proceedings on merits. Hence, I am inclined to allow the petitions by setting aside the impugned orders and remanding the matter to the Labour Court.

7. Hence, the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The writ petitions are partly allowed.
- (ii) The impugned orders dated 23.01.2019, 22.03.2019 and 22.03.2019 passed by the learned Labour Court, Latur in Application (IDA) Nos.18/2015, 01/2015 and 02/2015 are quashed and set aside.
- (iii) The said complaints are restored to the file of the learned Judge, Labour Court, Latur.
- (iv) The parties shall appear before the Labour Court on 08.06.2026.
- (v) The learned Labour Court shall decide the proceedings as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of six months from the date of appearance of the parties.
- (vi) The parties shall extend full cooperation to the Labour Court for early disposal of the proceedings.

[SIDDHESHWAR S. THOMBRE]
JUDGE