

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

960 WRIT PETITION NO. 12027 OF 2025

PADMABAI SHAMRAO KARHE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND  
OTHERS

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Kawade Shrikant G.

AGP for Respondent/State : Mr. K.B. Jadhavar

Advocate for Respondent 5 : Mr. S.B. Choudhari h/f. Mr. S.T. Pankhade

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**CORAM : ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.**

**Dated : September 30, 2025**

**PER COURT :-**

1. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is disqualified for having not conducting Gram Sabha Meetings in the month of April and May for the financial year 2023, by holding that immediately in the year 2023 Gram Sabha meetings ought to have been conducted in the month of April and May, 2023 which is not conducted.
3. Perused the record, especially the impugned order passed by the Collector in which a separate charge is provided which shows that Gram Sabha meetings are held in the year 2023. The first meeting was held on 26.1.2023 for which quorum was insufficient, the second meeting was held on 29.3.2023, the third meeting was held on 10.06.2023, fourth meeting was held on 15.08.2023 and fifth meeting was held on 20.11.2023. It appears from the record that there are five meetings conducted and one is conducted with insufficient quorum with 85 members. The primary requirement of section 7 of the Maharashtra Village Panchayat Act is that

four Gram Sambha meetings in every financial year has to be conducted. The Collector has disqualified the petitioner as the Gram Sabha meetings are not held in the month of April and May of 2023. Section 7 provides that there must be four Gram Sabha meetings to be held in one financial year. Section 7 does not provide that the meetings should be held in April or May.

4. In view of the above, there shall be ad-interim stay to the impugned order dated 11.9.2025 passed by the Collector, Beed.

5. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 13.11.2025. The learned AGP waives service of notice for respondent/State. Notice to indicate that if time permits, the matter may be disposed of at admission stage. In the event, it is not possible to dispose of the matter for any reason, this court will consider prayer for continuation/vacation of interim relief.

( ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J. )

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