

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH AT NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO.2096 OF 2026

PRASHANT S/O PRALHAD THORAT
VERSUS
THE COLLECTOR, AKOLA AND OTHERS

<i>Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram, Appearances, Court's orders or directions and Registrar's orders</i>	<i>Court's or Judge's orders</i>
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Mr. R.D. Karode, Advocate for Petitioner.
Ms. K.H. Bhondge, AGP for Respondent Nos.1 to 3-State.
Mr. A.M. Kukday, Advocate for Respondent No.5.

CORAM : PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.

DATED : 17th MARCH 2026

1. Heard learned Advocate for the petitioner.
2. The petitioner's challenge is to the orders dated 15.03.2025 and 15.04.2025, passed by respondent No.1 Collector, Akola, thereby disqualifying the petitioner as Member of Gram Panchayat, for failure to submit the election expenses within time.
3. Learned Advocate for the petitioner invites attention of this Court to the relevant documents showing submission of the election expenses within time and relies upon the acknowledgment dated 09.01.2023, showing that the election expenses incurred by the petitioner were submitted in time.
4. In view of this, issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 30th March 2026.

5. Learned AGP waives service of notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3-State. Advocate Mr. A.M. Kukday, appears for respondent No.5 and waives service of notice on behalf of respondent No.5.

6. The petitioner is permitted to serve the other respondents by private mode, in addition to regular mode of service and file affidavit of service in that regard by next date.

7. In the meantime, there shall be ad-interim relief in terms of prayer clause 'ii', which is reproduced as under.

“ii) during pendency of the present petition, stay the effect, operation and implementation of the impugned orders dated 15.03.2025 and 15.04.2025, passed by respondent No.1 Collector, Akola.”

8. List this petition with Writ Petition No.1835 of 2026.

(PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.)

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