



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,
NAGPUR BENCH, AT NAGPUR.**

WRIT PETITION NO.2267 OF 2026

Dr Varsha d/o Pandurang Mane, Laxmi Nagar, Nagpur

vs.

State of Maharashtra, Thr. Secretary, Dept. of Water Supply and Sanitation, Mantralaya,
Mumbai and ors.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders

Court's or Judge's orders

Shri A. M. Sudame, Advocate for petitioner.
Shri D. V. Chauhan, Senior Advocate/Government Pleader with Shri N. S. Rao,
Assistant Government Pleader for respondent No.1.
Shri N. R. Saboo, Advocate for respondent No.4/Caveator.

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR AND RAJ D. WAKODE, JJ.

DATED : 17th March, 2026

Heard Shri A. M. Sudame, learned counsel for the petitioner.

2. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 02/04/2026.
3. Shri D. V. Chauhan, learned Senior Counsel and Government Pleader assisted by Shri N. S. Rao, learned Assistant Government Pleader waives service of notice for respondent Nos.1 to 3.
4. Shri N. R. Saboo, learned counsel who appears on caveat waives service of notice for respondent No.4.
5. The petitioner is permitted to serve respondent No.5 by private mode, in addition to the regular mode of service and file an affidavit by next date, failing which the petitioner shall deposit costs of Rupees Five Hundred with the 'Public Welfare Account' bearing No.129712010001014, IFSC Code UBIN0812978, Union Bank of India, Branch High Court, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
6. In the meanwhile, though respondent No.2 may proceed with

the process of selection and appointment so far as the post of Deputy Director is concerned, however it is made clear that if the appointment order is issued in favour of respondent No.4, the same shall be subject to outcome of present writ petition.

6. It is also made clear that if the petitioner succeeds, respondent No.4 shall not be entitled to claim any equity.

7. Office objections(s), if any, shall be removed before the next date.

(Raj D. Wakode, J.)

(Anil S. Kilor, J.)