



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 6374/2025

(RAMESH ATMARAM AWACHAR **VERSUS** THE ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER, AMRAVATI
DIVISION, AMRAVATI & OTHERS)

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

Court's or Judge's order

Shri Tejas Deshpande, counsel for the petitioner.
Ms P.C. Bawankule, Assistant Government Pleader for the respondent nos.1 and 2.

CORAM : PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 16, 2025

Heard.

2. The petitioner's challenge is to the order dated 21.07.2025 passed by the Additional Collector disqualifying him from the post of Member and Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat under Section 14(1) (j-3) of the Maharashtra Village Panchayat Act, 1959. The said order is upheld by the Additional Commissioner by an order dated 29.09.2025. The learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, submits that the petitioner is still holding the post of Sarpanch and the charge is not yet handed over.

3. Issue notice to the respondents returnable on 27.11.2025.

4. Considering the fact that interim relief was operating during pendency of the appeal before the Additional Commissioner, the parties are directed to maintain *status quo*.

(PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.)