

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 1715 OF 2026

Chidanand Siddhappa Unnad

...Petitioner

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra, Through The
District Collector Solapur And Ors.

...Respondents

.....

Adv. Ashok B. Tajane, for Petitioner.

Ms. Tejas Jayprakash Kapre, learned AGP for the Respondent-State.

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**CORAM : MADHAV J. JAMDAR &
PRAVIN S. PATIL, JJ.**

DATE : 18th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr. Ashok B. Tajane, learned counsel for the petitioner and Ms. T. J. Kapre, learned APP for the respondent State.
2. It is the main submission of learned counsel appearing for the petitioner that the impugned order dated 15th April 2026, is totally illegal. It is further submitted that the Election Officer has not taken into consideration the order dated 5th February 2026 passed by this Court in Writ Petition No.9688 of 2024, by which the validity certificate has been directed to be issued to the petitioner.
3. Accordingly, as the arguable questions are raised, issue notice to

the respondents, returnable on 27th April 2026 at 2:30 p.m..

4. Learned AGP waives service of notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3.

5. In addition to the Court notice, the petitioner to serve the respondents by private mode of service.

6. Affidavit of service be filed before the returnable date.

7. Till next date, ad-interim relief in terms of prayer Clause “(c)” and “(d)”, which read as under :

“c) Pending the hearing and final disposal of the present Writ Petition, the Petitioner be permitted to contest the by Election for the post of Sarpanch for Grampanchayat Konhali, Tal. Akkalkot, Dist. Solapur.

d) Pending the hearing and final disposal of the Petition, present Writ order dated 15.04.2026 passed by The Election Returning Officer, Grampanchayat General by Elections, 2026, Election-20, Taluka-Akkalkot, District- Solapur be stayed.”

[PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.]

[MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.]