

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE**

[Through Physical Hearing (with Hybrid Option)]

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.162 OF 2023 (WZ)

Gopal Rangnath Kachave

... **Applicant**

Versus

District Collector, Pune & Ors.

... **Respondents**

Date of Hearing : 15.01.2025

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. VIJAY KULKARNI, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant : None

Respondents : Mr. Shivshankar Swaminathan, Advocate for R-2/PCMC

ORDER

1. None has appeared from the side of the applicant.
2. Today, learned counsel Dr. Ashish Deshpande has appeared and states that he is under instructions to appear on behalf of respondent Nos.3 to 22 in this matter, by submitting on record his vakalatnama, which is taken on record. Learned counsel Dr. Deshpande states that he has obtained no objection from earlier counsel. However, we find that the vakalatnama, which he has filed on record, is signed only by respondent No. 3 – Rehana Jamal Khan and there are no signatures of remaining respondents i.e. respondent Nos.4 to 22 on the said vakalatnama and that no objection appears to have been given by only one counsel namely Mr. Mujib Z. Sayyed.
3. We further find from the record that on the earlier vakalatnama submitted on behalf of respondent Nos.3 to 22, the names of five Advocates are mentioned on the top of vakalatnama i.e. Adv. Mubbashir J. Sayyad, Adv. Mujib Z. Sayyed, Adv. Muktadir J. Sayyed, Adv. Rui F. Danawala and Adv. Ashraf Ali A. Shaikh and out of these five Advocates, signatures of only three Advocates are appearing on the said vakalatnama without recording

their names beneath their signatures. Out of these three Advocates, on the vakalatnama submitted today by learned counsel Dr. Ashish Deshpande, no objection is shown to have been obtained only from Advocate Mr. Mujib Z. Sayyed and not of remaining earlier two Advocates. The names of the Advocates, who have signed the earlier vakalatnama, are required to be identified by us, so that it could be understood as to who were the Advocates earlier representing respondent Nos.3 to 22 from whom learned counsel Dr. Ashish Deshpande, who is stated to be appearing today on behalf of those respondents, is required to obtain no objection.

4. Our previous order dated 29.11.2024 shows that on that date, learned counsel Ms. Rui F Danawala had appeared from the side of respondent Nos.3 to 22 through VC and submitted before us that she had prepared the affidavit-reply and copy of the same had been e-mailed to this Tribunal as the same could not be e-filed due to some technical issue. But we find that no such e-mail was received by us.

5. Today, learned counsel Dr. Ashish Deshpande states that no reply-affidavit has been filed so far by respondent Nos.3 to 22. We direct him to obtain no objection from all the three counsel who had earlier filed their vakalatnama on behalf of the said respondents, with the signatures of all respondent Nos.3 to 22, for which he seeks a week's time. We allow the same. After having submitted his vakalatnama, as directed above, he may file reply-affidavit on behalf of respondent Nos.3 to 22 before the next date, with further direction that a copy of the said reply shall be supplied to the applicant as well as learned counsel for respondent Nos.1 and 2 in advance.

6. Put up this matter for next consideration on 20.01.2025.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

January 15, 2025
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