MAHARASHTRA ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL NAGPUR BENCH NAGPUR

ORIGINAL APPLICATION No.134/2019 (SB) With CIVIL APPLICATION No.162/2020

APPLICANTS:

- GirishS/o. KrushnaraoBarahate, Aged about 54 years, R/o. Aakhada Ward, Pandharkawada, Distt- Yavatmal.
- Raju @ Rajendra S/o. Krushnaji Yewale,
 Aged about 53 years, R/o. Borgaon (Kadu), Post Akoli,Tq.Kelapur,
 Distt.Yavatmal.
- 3) Purushottam S/o. Shamrao Ade, Aged about 47 years, R/o. Katali Borgaon, Post Shibla, Tq. Zari, Distt. Yavatmal.
- 4) Bandu S/o. DaulatJumnake, Aged about 47 years, R/o. Gopalpur, Post.Aakoli, Tq. Kelpur, Distt.Yavatmal.
- 5) Shriram S/o. Ramrao Kodape, Aged about 51 years, R/o. Botoni, Aakoli, Tq. Zari, Distt. Yavatmal.
- 6) Smt. VibhaUttamGhume, Aged about 58 years, R/o. Indiranagar, Pandharkawada, Tq. Kelpur, Distt. Yavatmal.
- 7) Ku. Kamal Devaji Narnaam, Aged about 48 years, R/o. Ranapratap Ward, Pandharkawada, Tq. Kelpur, Distt. Yavatmal.
- 8) Raju S/o. Sonerao Kumare,(dead) Through L.R's Mangla Wd/o Raju Kumare, Aged about 45 years, R/o. Katali Tq. Zari Jamni, Distt. Yavatmal.

- Vasanta S/o. Aauku Kanake, Aged about 57 years, R/o. Gochalpur, Post Akoli,Tq. Kelapur, Distt.Yavatmal.
- Ashok S/o. Murali Surpam, Aged about 43 years, R/o.Gopalpur, PostAkoli,Th- Kelapur, Distt.Yavatmal.
- Raju S/o. Madhav Raut,
 Aged about 57 years, R/o. Post Akoli, Th-Kelapur, Distt. Yavatmal.
- 12) Tulshiram S/o. Letu More, Aged about 38 years, R/o. Kondi, Post Akoli, Th- Kelapur, Distt. Yavatmal.
- 13) Sau. Vimal Mahadev Kirme, Aged about 51 years, R/o./o.Latre Layout, Pandhrkawada, Distt.Yavatmal.
- 14) MadhavShamraoSurpam, Aged about 58 years,R/o.Akoli Bk. Th-Kelapur, Distt.Yavatmal.
- 15) Kishor Punjaram Satramwar,Aged about 42 years, R/o. Indira Nagar,Pandhrkawada, Th- Kelapur, Distt. Yavatmal.
- 16) Gyanidas s/o Wasudeo Surpam, Aged about 50 years,R/o.KatliBorgao, Post-Shibla, Th- ZarJamni, Distt. Yavatmal.
- 17) BhimraoVasantaChikram, Aged about 44 years,R/o.TokBandhari Post-Akoli Bk. Th- Kelapur, Distt.Yavatmal.
- 18) Dattu LetuTekam, Aged about 51 years,R/o.Netaji Pod Post-Mangurda, Th- Kelapur, Distt. Yavatmal.

- HaridasMarotiAtram, R/o Palgaon Botony, Post- Shibla, Th- ZariZamni, Distt-Yavatmal.
- 20) Pochiram Potu Tekam. Aged about 52 years,R/o.Shivnala Pod, Post Bhamurda,Th- Kelapur, Distt. Yavatmal.
- 21) FakruLalu More,
 Aged about 57 years,R/o.Kondi, Post
 AkoliBk.Th- Kelapur,
 Distt.Yavatmal.

//VERSUS//

- RESPONDENTS: 1) The State of Maharashtra,
 Through its Secretary,
 Department of Revenue&Forest,Mantralaya,
 Mumbai –32.
 - Principal Chief Conservator
 Forest (Administration), "Van
 Bhawan" Ramgiri Road, Civil Lines,
 Nagpur-440001.
 - Chief Conservator of Forest, (Regional),
 Office at Ambedkar Bhavan, Yavatmal-445001.

Shri N.R. Saboo, Smt. K.N. Saboo, Advocates for the applicants. Shri S.A. Sainis, learned P.O. for respondents

<u>WITH</u>

ORIGINAL APPLICATION No.135/2019 (SB) With CIVIL APPLICATION No.171/2020

APPLICANTS: 1. Ramnath Madhav Dhurve,,
Aged about 30 years, R/o. MowadaTq.
Ghatanji, Distt. Yavatmal.

- Kishor Ramji Atram,
 Aged about 39 years, R/o. PatpangraTq.
 Ghatanji, Distt. Yavatmal.
- Abhay Bandu Kondawar,
 Aged about 20 years, R/o. MendholiWanii,
 Distt. Yavatmal.

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WITH

ORIGINAL APPLICATION No.136/2019 (SB) With CIVIL APPLICATION No.172/2020

APPLICANTS: 1. Syd. Babbu Syd Yusuf, Ages 49, r/o Bahadumi, Post Both, ThKelapur, Distt- Yavatmal.

- Balabhau Sudam Kamble
 Aged about 55 years,
 R/o. Sawrgaon, Post Wagara, Th- Ghatanji,
 Distt. Yavatmal.
- Datta Govind Kowe,
 Aged about 51 years,
 R/o. Kaleshwar, Post- Jamb,
 Tq. Ghatanji, Distt. Yavatmal.
- Vithoba Arjun Thakre
 Aged Major, R/O Patapangara ,Th- Ghtanji,
 Distt- Yavatmal.

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ORIGINAL APPLICATION No.137/2019 (SB) With CIVIL APPLICATION No.173/2020

APPLICANTS:

- Vilas S/o. MadhukarLadhe,
 Aged about28 years,R/o.Mejada, Post Jamb,
 Tq. Ghatanji, Distt. Yavatmal.
- Kiran S/o. Ashok Madavi,
 Aged about 23 years, R/o. Kaleshwar, Post Jamb, Tq. Ghatanji, Distt. Yavatmal.
- Suresh S/o. Baliram Kulsange,
 Aged about 30 years, R/o. Kurli, Tq. Ghatanji,
 Distt. Yavatmal.
- Yashwant S/o. Ganpat Dhurve,
 Aged about 36 years, R/o. Tadsawali, Tq.
 Ghatanji, Distt. Yavatmal.
- Umesh S/o. Narayan Bhoyar,
 Aged about 28 years, R/o. Sharad, Post
 Waghara, Tq. Ghatanji, Distt. Yavatmal.
- Maya Wd/o. Raju Talmale,
 Aged about 45 years, R/o. Madkona, Tq.
 &Distt.Yavatmal.
- 7. Paramjeet S/o. Subhash Surpaam, Aged about 18 years, R/o. Mejada, Post Jamb, Tq. Ghatanji, Distt. Yavatmal.

<u>VERSUS</u>

RESPONDENTS:1.

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Shri N.R. Saboo, Smt. K.N. Saboo, Advocates for the applicants. Shri S.A. Sainis, learned P.O. for respondents

Coram :- Hon'ble Shri Justice M.G. Giratkar, Vice Chairman.

Date of Reserving for Judgment : 16th June,2022.

Date of Pronouncement of Judgment: 7th July,2022.

<u>JUDGMENT</u>

(Delivered on this 7th day of July, 2022)

Heard Shri N.R. Saboo, learned counsel for the applicants and Shri S.A. Sainis, learned P.O. for the respondents.

2. All these O.As. are filed by the Van Majoors / legal heirs of Van Majoor claiming their regular appointments as per the G.R. dated 16/10/2012. It is submitted that the applicants are working more than 26 years in the Forest Department as a daily employee / Van Majoor. The respondent Chief Conservator of Forest had forwarded the information vide communication dated 5/10/2004 giving details of the working days of the applicants. All the applicants are

entitled for regularisation as per G.R. dated 16/10/2012. Some of the similarly situated Van Majoors are already regularised, but applicants are not regularised. Hence, they have prayed direction to the respondents to regularise them as per the G.R. dated 16/10/2012.

- 3. The affidavits-in-reply are filed in all the O.As. It is contended by the respondents that all the applicants are not entitled to get the benefit of G.R. dated 16/10/2012, because, they have not fulfilled the condition of the G.R. As per the G.R., daily wagers / Van Majoors who were working in the Forest Department for a period continuously of five years and 240 days in each year, then they are entitled for regularisation. As per the G.R. dated 16/10/2012, daily wagers / Van Majoors who were working in the Forest Department on Employment Guarantee Scheme (in short "EGS") are not entitled for regularisation. The lists of the applicants were wrongly submitted. It was corrected. It is found that all the applicants were working on Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS), therefore, they are not entitled for regularisation as per the G.R. 16/10/2012.
- 4. Heard learned counsel for the applicants Shri N.R. Saboo. He has pointed out the Judgment of this Tribunal in O.A. 290/2013. The learned counsel has submitted that some of the similarly situated employees / Van Majoors are regularised as per the direction of this Tribunal.

- 5. It is submitted by the side of respondents that in the reply itself stated that those Van Majoors / applicants are regularised, because, they had filed Contempt Petition.
- 6. The learned P.O. has pointed out para-17 of the Judgement in O.A. 290/2013 and submitted that in the case of *Maharashtra Rajya Van Karmachari and Mazoor Sanghatana*, *Nagpur & Ors. Vs. State of Maharashtra & Ors.*, *delivered on* 14/02/2017 directions were given to the respondents to act in accordance with the G.R. and to re-consider the cases of the applicants for regularisation as Forest labours.
- 7. Nothing is pointed out to show that whether the Judgment in O.A. 614/2013 is challenged before the High Court or not. The para-13 of the Judgment in O.A. 306/2014 & ors., shows that directions were given to the respondents to submit the documents. It is clear from the observations in para-16 that the Chief Conservator of Forests had not submitted with a concrete evidence in support of his objection. He himself could not trace out the documents as regards the status of the applicants as to whether the applicants worked under the EGS or whether in any other scheme. There was no dispute that all the applicants have worked since more than 22-23 years in the Forest Department, therefore, it was held that there was no reason to deny them the benefit of G.R. dated 16/10/2012.

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8. The documents i.e. the list prepared by the respondents

filed by the applicants at page nos. 20-21 clearly shows that the

applicants were working on EGS. The contention of the respondents

that the applicants were working under EGS and therefore they are

not entitled for benefit of G.R. dated 16/10/2012.

9. Either party not produced any document to show the exact

position / working of the applicants. The respondents have not

produced any document to show that applicants were working on EGS

except some correspondence made to the Superiors. In such

situation, it is not clear as to whether the applicants are entitled for

regularisation or not. It is for the respondents department to verify

each and every case of the applicants and decide as to whether they

are entitled for the benefit of G.R. dated 16/10/2012.

10. In that view of the matter, the following order is passed –

ORDER

(i) The O.As. are partly allowed.

(ii) The respondents are directed to consider the cases of all the

applicants / legal heirs carefully and decide as to whether they are

entitled for regularisation as per G.R. dated 16/10/2012.

(iii) C.As. are also disposed off.

(iv) No order as to costs.

Dated :- 07/07/2022.

(Justice M.G. Giratkar)
Vice Chairman.

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I affirm that the contents of the PDF file order are word to word same as per original Judgment.

Name of Steno : D.N. Kadam

Court Name : Court of Hon'ble Vice Chairman.

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Judgment signed on : 07/07/2022.

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