BEFORE THE HON'BLE MAHARASHTRA ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL MUMBAI

CONTEMPT APPLICATION NO. OF 2024 <u>IN</u>

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 557 OF 2024

DISTRICT: PUNE

BETWEEN

Saurabh Laxman Thorve and 1 other

... APPLICANTS

AND

Rashmi Shukla,

The DGP of Maharashtra & others

... RESPONDENTS

I) PARTICULARS OF THE APPLICANT:

1. Saurabh Laxman Thorve

Age -29 years, Occ: PSI

R/o: Wagale Estate Police Station

Thane Dist. Thane Mob- 7821024478

2. Sarla Bhausaheb Dasgude Age- 36 years, Occ: PSI Kharghar Police Station Navi Mumbai Mob- 9922063345

II) PARTICULARS OF THE RESPONDENTS:

1. Rashmi Shukla,

The DGP of Maharashtra,
Office at- Shahid Bhagatsing Marg,
Colaba Mumbai-01.

2. Mr. Amitesh Kumar,

The Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Office, Sadhu Vaswani chowk, Church Path, Agarkar Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra 411001

III) PARTICULARS OF THE RELIEF:

- against the respondent No. 1 and 2 / contempors as they have disobeyed the directions given by this Hon'ble Court in Original Application No. 557/2024 by order dated 19.07.2024, whereby in para-No. 21 of the order dated 19.07.2024 it was directed to respondents to repost back to their earlier 'Police Establishments'.
- b) The applicants submit that, they have addressed various representations to respondent No. 1 and 2 / contemnors and

- the said representations were received by respondent No. 1 and 2 / contemnors.
- c) The applicants submit that, they have addressed legal notice dated 05.09.2024 to respondent No. 1 and 2 / contemnors. Despite legal notice respondents failed to repost the applicant at their original post nor any effective steps were taken by informing present applicants. That, as directed by this Hon'ble Tribunal the said authority did not act as per directions of this Hon'ble Tribunal, thereby committed the contempt of Court as per judgment and order dated 19.07.2024. The copy of the judgment and order dated 19.07.2024 passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal in Original Application No. 557/2024 is annexed herewith and marked at ANNEXURE A-1.

IV) FACTS OF THE CASE:

1. The applicants submit that, applicants are citizen of India and permanent resident of the address mentioned in the title clause, therefore, entitled for protection of law and provisions enshrined in the Constitution of India.

- 2. The applicants submit that, applicants joined duty in police force and time to time applicants were promoted considering his exemplary and good service record.
- 3. The applicants submit that, by way of transfer order dated 26.02.2024 they were transferred out of district from Pune, Commissionerate Area. The applicants submit that, being aggrieved by the transfer order dated 26.02.2024, they have filed Original Application No. 557/2024 before this Hon'ble Tribunal Mumbai.
- **4.** The applicants submit that, after hearing both the parties, this Hon'ble Tribunal by way of common judgment and order dated 19.07.2024 allowed the original application No. 557/2024 filed by present applicants.
- 5. The applicants submit that, the respondent authorities including respondent No.2 effected transfers of several Police Inspectors in connection with ensuing General Elections to the house of people (Loksabha-2024). In accordance with the guidelines of Election Commission of India letter dated 21.12.2023 specifically as mentioned in Para No.5.3 the applicant has not completed 06 years term in one district.

- 6. The applicants submit that, they have relieved from Pune Commissionerate Area. The applicants submit that, at the time of their transfer they have working on non-executive post.
- 7. The applicants submit that, they have addressed various representations to respondent No. 1 and 2 / contemnors and the said representations were received by respondent No. 1 and 2 / contemnors.
- 8. The applicants submit that, they have addressed legal notice dated 05.09.2024 to respondent No. 1 and 2 / contemnors. Despite legal notice respondents failed to repost the applicants at their original post nor any effective steps were taken by informing present applicant. That, as directed by this Hon'ble Tribunal the said authority did not act as per directions of this Hon'ble Tribunal, thereby committed the contempt of Court as per judgment and order dated 19.07.2024. The copy of the legal Notice dated 05.09.2024 along with net tracking report is annexed herewith and marked at ANNEXURE-A-2.
- **9.** The applicants submit that, as there were specific directions to respondents, applicants have forwarded

judgment order dated 19.07.2024 passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal by way of representation seeking reposting at his earlier post by giving representations. That, respondent No. 1 and 2 / contemnors were represented by CPO MAT Mumbai and they were aware about the direction issued by this Hon'ble Tribunal in judgment and order dated 19.07.2024 passed in OA No. 557/2024. Same was received to the respondents 1 and 2 / contemnors. That, respondent No. 1 and 2 / contemnors ignored the said representation and there is omission on the part of respondents / contemnors to decide the same till today. It also shows that, they had not paid any heed to the representation of applicants as well as order dated 19.07.2024 passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal and they failed to take positive steps by reposting applicants at their original post / non-executive post as on date of impugned transfer order.

10. The applicants submit that, the intention of respondent No.
1 and 2 / contemnors, who are the authority to repost applicants at their respective original post / non-executive post as on date of impugned transfer order had intentionally and willfully avoided to follow order dated

19.07.2024 wherein specific directions were issued to repost the applicants at Pune Commissionerate Area and deadline to repost applicants before **15.08.2024** is also over. And there is no stay to judgment and order dated 19.07.2024 passed in O.A. No. 557/2024.

- 11. The applicants submit that, respondent 1 and 2 / contemnors had willfully disobeyed the order dated 19.07.2024 and directions therein even after receipt of applicant's representation along with copy of judgment and order dated 19.07.2024 passed in O.A. No. 557/2024 had infringed the fundamental and legal right of the applicants.
- 12. The applicants submit that, there is gross contempt of this Hon'ble Tribunal's directions in as much as there is no ambiguity in the directions issued by this Hon'ble Tribunal. The contemnors ought to have issued appropriate orders on the next date itself in compliance of the directions of this Hon'ble' Tribunal. Therefore, going by the principles of the Judgment of this Hon'ble Tribunal and provisions of Contempt of Courts Act, the respondents / contemnors willfully disobeyed the explicit directions given by this Hon'ble Tribunal.

- **13.** The applicants submit that, the respondent No.1 and 2 / contemnors even after receiving of legal notice issued to contemnors on 05.09.2024, still intentionally had not complied with the order of this Hon'ble Tribunal. The respondents blatantly avoided implementing the order of this Hon'ble Tribunal. The utter disregard on part of the respondents /contemnors had caused contempt of majesty of this Hon'ble Tribunal and inaction of respondents / contemnors is in violation of order dated 19.07.2024. The applicants further say and submit that, the deliberate omission on the part of respondents / contemnors to perform their duties has not only caused loss to the applicants but also resulted in lowering down the esteem of this Hon'ble Tribunal. Therefore, appropriate action as contemplated U/Sec.12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.
- 14. The applicants submit that, the Respondents failed to comply the order passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal dated 19th July 2024 passed in OA No. 557/2024. The Respondents for non-implementation of the order dated 19th July 2024 amount to be contempt on the part of Respondents as the

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Respondents failed to comply with the order and directions,

therefore, this Hon'ble Tribunal is required to initiate

contempt action against the Respondents, hence this

Contempt Application.

15. THEREFORE, APPLICANT PRAYS THAT:

a) This Hon'ble Court may kindly initiate Contempt

Proceedings against the respondents No. 1 and 2 /

contemnors and punish them as provided U/Sec. 12 of

the Contempt of Court Act, 1971 for willful and

intentional disobedience of the directions given by this

Hon'ble Tribunal in Original Application No. 557/2024

vide order dated 19.07.2024 within the stipulated time

granted by this Hon'ble Tribunal.

b) Cost of present application be provided for.

c) Any other suitable and equitable reliefs may kindly be

granted in favour of the Applicants.

Date: ____ /09/2024

Place: Mumbai.

Prashant M. Nagargoje Vishnu B. Narke Advocate for applicant

VERIFICATION

I, Sarla Bhausaheb Dasgude Age -36 years, Occ: PSI Kharghar Police Station Navi Mumbai Mob- 9922063345, do hereby state onbehalf myself and applicant No. 1 on oath and solemn affirmation that, all contents and paras of this contempt application & prayers made therein are true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief. All contents are read over and explained in Marathi language to me by my Advocate.

Hence, it is signed and verified on this ____ day of September 2024 at Chh. Sambhajinagar.

Identified and Explained by

DEPONENT

(Sarla Bhausaheb Dasgude)

Prashant M. Nagargoje Vishnu B. Narke Advocates

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SYNOPSIS

| SR. | Date | Particulars of events. | | | | |
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| No. | | | | | | |
| 1. | 19.07.2024 | By way of this contempt application the applicants | | | | |
| | OA No. | seeking to punish respondent No. 1 and 2 / | | | | |
| | 557/2024 | contemnors for willful and intentional disobedience | | | | |
| | of Judgment and order dated 19.07.2024 | | | | | |
| | | this Hon'ble Tribunal in O.A. No.557/2024. | | | | |
| 2. | | This Hon'ble Tribunal in its operative order directed | | | | |
| | | respondent No. 1 and 2 to repost applicants at their | | | | |
| | | original post / non-executive post as on date | | | | |
| | | impugned transfer. | | | | |
| 3. | | Immediately after judgment and order dated | | | | |
| | | 19.07.2024 the applicants forwarded | | | | |
| | | representations along with copy of judgment and | | | | |
| | | order dated 19.07.2024 passed in OA No. 557/2024 | | | | |

| | | to comply with the direction given by the Hon'ble | | | |
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| | | Tribunal Mumbai. | | | |
| 5. | 0509.2024 | Again, applicants forwarded legal Notice dated 05.09.2024 to the respondents No. 1 and 2 contemnors to comply with the order by pointing out that contempt has been committed by them. Still, till today there is no action taken by respondents / contemnors to obey the order passed | | | |
| | | by this Hon'ble Tribunal. | | | |
| 6. | | Hence, this contempt application. | | | |

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- (i) Whether the respondent No. 1 and 2 intentionally and willfully had disobeyed to comply with the directions issued by this Hon'ble Tribunal vide Judgment and order dated 19.07.2024 passed in O.A. No. 557/2024.
- (ii) Whether the respondent No.1 and 2 required to be punished as provided under Contempt of Courts Act by initiating process against them immediately.

ACT AND RULES TO BE REFERRED:

- 1. Administrative Tribunal Act
- 2. Contempt of Courts Act, 1971

AUTHORITIES TO BE CITED:

Date: ____ /09/2024 Place: Mumbai

(Prashant M. Nagargoje)
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Date: /09/2024 Place: Mumbai (**Prashant M. Nagargoje**) **Vishnu B. Narke** Advocates of the Applicants