

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**  
**CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.3854 OF 2021**

Anganwadi Karmachari Sanghatana and ... Petitioners  
Ors.

V/s.

Union of India,  
Through The Ministry of Women and  
Child Development and Ors. ... Respondents

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Mr. S.B. Kalel, AGP for Respondent -State.

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**CORAM : SMT. SADHANA S. JADHAV &  
SARANG V. KOTWAL, JJ.**

**DATE : 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021.**

**PC. :**

1. Vide communication dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 issued by the Director of Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD), the Government had issued letters to all States and Union Territories. The letter mentions about the Poshan Abhiyan to leverage technology for monitoring and improved service delivery for beneficiaries including Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and Children (0-6 years). In that

direction, an application named 'Poshan Tracker' was developed by the Ministry to ensure real time monitoring of providing supplementary nutrition for improving nutritional status of beneficiaries and providing real time information for prompt supervisions and management of services. Pursuant to that letter, the State Government has issued a circular dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 addressed to the District Program Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishads and Child Development Project Officers. In that letter, it was mentioned that at present the data could be entered in the aforementioned 'Poshan Tracker' only in English. It should be entered with the help of local students. The grievance in this petition is that the job of entering the data in English is difficult for Anganwadi workers as they are not well conversant with the English language and therefore, unable to make entries in that language. The grievance of the Anganwadi workers appears to be genuine and a practical solution will have to be found out.

2. Learned counsel appearing for Respondent No.1 seeks time to present a practical solution. We find substance in the grievance of the petitioners in this petition.

3. As submitted by the learned counsel for the Respondent No.1, this is not an adversarial petition and a practical solution needs to be arrived at as soon as possible. At the request of the learned counsel for the Respondent No.1, today, we are adjourning the matter. In the meanwhile, there shall be ad-interim relief in terms of prayer clause (b) which reads thus :-

"(b) That pending hearing and final disposal of this Petition, this Hon'ble Court be pleased to issue directions to the Respondent Nos.1 and 3 to refrain from withholding or deducting the remuneration of Anganwadi Workers on the basis of the functioning and use of POSHAN Tracker Application."

4. Stand over to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J)

(SMT. SADHANA S. JADHAV, J),