

**BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL
TRIBUNAL-2, MUMBAI**

APPEAL. NO. CGIT- 2 / EPFA 08/2026

M/s. Sanjeevan Vidyalaya Panchagani, Satara. - Appellant

v/s.

The Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner,

EPFO, Kolhapur.

- Respondent

ORDER

(Delivered on 22-06-2026)

1. The learned counsel for the appellant has moved an application today in court for taking the appeal on today's board, in which it is stated that, the above appeal is filed by the appellant against order No. MH/PF/RO-KOL/29171/PD/2025-26/1222 dated 05.01.2026 passed by the Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner Regional Office, Kolhapur. The appeal is pending before the CGIT-cum-LC No.2, Mumbai, in which date is fixed for 29.09.2026. During the pendency of the above mentioned appeal, the EPF authorities issued notices on 18.03.2026 u/s. 8-F of EPFA & MP Act 1952, addressed to the Bank of Maharashtra, Panchagani Branch and froze the appellant's Bank Account. The appellant filed a WP No. 2172/2026 & WP No. 2346/2026 before the Hon'ble Bombay High Court Circuit Bench Kolhapur. The Hon'ble Bombay High Court Circuit Bench Kolhapur, passed an order on 17.06.2026 in the above Writ Petitions and granted liberty to appellant to take out this appeal in the next week before the forum available at Mumbai. The copies of the said orders are

annexed herewith. Pursuant to the order passed by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court Kolhapur Circuit Bench on 17.06.2026. The appellant has prayed for taking the matter on today's board for urgent hearing. The learned counsel for the respondent Ms. Smita Thakur is present before the court. In view of the order passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay Kolhapur bench, this application is hereby allowed and the matter is taken on today's board.

2. Heard learned counsel for both the parties on application for interim relief dated 23.02.2026 and application on behalf of the appellant u/s. 7-O of the EPF & MP Act, 1952 requesting for complete waiver of the requirement of deposit 75% amount due from the appellant as determined by the respondent without verifying circumstance of the case, which is dated 23.02.2026. Although, learned counsel for the respondent Ms. Smita Thakur is present before the court but no replies have been filed against both the applications.

3. The appellant has challenged the legality of order dated 05.01.2026 passed u/s. 14-B of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (for short "the said Act") and by this application prays for stay to the effect and operation of the order under appeal during pendency of lis.

4. I have heard both the parties. The learned counsel for the appellant is ready to deposit 50% assessed awarded amount for which the learned counsel for the respondent have no objection. In view of this, the appellant is directed to deposit 50% of assessed awarded amount within 12 weeks from the date of this order in the A/c. of "Registrar CGIT" bearing account number 37153859985 of

SBI Jagatpuri (Delhi) and filing an undertaking by duly authorized representative regarding payment of remaining or any other amount which the Tribunal directs. The respondent is directed not to take any coercive action with regard to recovery of the rest amount against the appellant during pendency of the appeal. If appellant fails to deposit the amount in stipulated time, the stay order will vacate automatically. In the result, the application u/s. 7-O and Interim Relief application are hereby allowed. The interim relief / stay application as well as 7-O application dated 23.02.2026 are disposed off accordingly.

List this case on 29.09.2026 for counter reply on behalf of the respondent.

Sd/-

Date: 22-06-2026

(Justice Shiv Shanker Prasad)
Presiding Officer/Link Officer
CGIT -2, Mumbai