

MAHARASHTRA ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
NAGPUR BENCH NAGPUR
ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.1264/2025 (S.B.)

Ku. Bebi Karnuji Meshram,
Aged about 57 years, Occ. Service,
R/o Vakratunda, Professor Colony,
Ranpise Nagar, Akola,
Tah & Dist. Akola.

Applicant.

Versus

1. State of Maharashtra,
through its Secretary,
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032.

Respondent.

Shri N.S.Warulkar, Ld. Counsel for the applicant.
Shri A.P.Potnis, Ld. P.O. for respondent.

Coram:- Hon'ble Shri Justice Vinay Joshi, Vice Chairman
Dated:- 24th April, 2026.

JUDGMENT

Heard finally with the consent of both learned counsel.

2. While the applicant was working on the post of Sub Registrar Grade-II, Amravati, crime was registered against her for the

offences punishable under Sections 7 and 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Owing to the registration of crime, the applicant was placed under suspension, vide order dated 25.07.2025. The applicant has challenged the order of suspension on two grounds, firstly, the departmental action was not initiated within 90 days and secondly, neither review was taken about suspension nor extension was granted. Despite repeated opportunity, the State has not filed reply.

3. The learned counsel for the applicant submitted that charge memo has been served on 08.12.2025 i.e., after lapse of 90 days, and thus, in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of ***Ajay Kumar Choudhary v. Union of India, (2015) 7 SCC 291***, the currency of suspension shall not continue after 90 days if departmental proceeding has not been initiated. The applicant further submitted that till date review is not taken of the order of suspension in terms of G.R. dated 22.04.2025. The applicant is about to superannuate on 30.06.2026. The suspension is for the period of nearabout one year. As per the unrebutted contention, the charge sheet has not been filed within 90 days from the order of suspension, and thus, the law declared by the Hon'ble Supreme Court

in *Ajay Kumar Choudhary v. Union of India*, (2015) 7 SCC 291, would apply.

4. In the circumstances, **the Original Application is allowed. The impugned order of suspension dated 25.07.2025 is hereby quashed and set aside. The decision regarding period of suspension shall be subject to the final outcome of enquiry.** Consequential action shall be taken within two weeks from today. No order as to costs.

(Justice Vinay Joshi)
Vice Chairman

Dated – 24/04/2026
rsm.

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

Name of Steno : Raksha Shashikant Mankawde.
Court Name : Court of Hon'ble Vice Chairman
Judgment signed on : 24/04/2026.
and pronounced on*