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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.9893 OF 2026

Priyadarshani English Medium School ...Petitioner
The Chairman Rajiv I Raj

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.9615 OF 2026

WRIT PETITION NO.9895 OF 2026

WRIT PETITION NO.9890 OF 2026

WRIT PETITION NO.9889 OF 2026

WRIT PETITION NO.9901 OF 2026

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Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. with Smt. P.J. Gavhane, AGP in WP No.9889 of 2026, 9901 of 2026.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. with Smt. M.P. Thakur, AGP in WP No.9904 of 2026 and 9902 of 2026.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. with Smt. Priyanka Chavan, AGP in WP No.9903 of 2026 and 9898 of 2026.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. with Mr. S.H. Kankal, AGP in WP No.9899 of 2026 and 9896 of 2026.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. with Vikas M. Mali, AGP for State.

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Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. with Smt. Nisha M Mehard, AGP in WP No.10795 of 2026 and 10809 of 2026.

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Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. with Mr. A.K. Naik, AGP in WP No.10796 of 2026 and 10800 of 2026.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. with Ms. D.S. Deshmukh, AGP in WP

No.10807 of 2026 and 10807 of 2026 and 10804 of 2026.

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CORAM : R.I. CHAGLA J
FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.
DATE : 27 August 2026.

ORDER :

1. At the outset, the learned AGP appearing for the Respondent No.1 – State has brought to the notice of this Court that in several of the Writ Petitions which have been filed and which seek the prayer of reimbursement of dues under Section 12 of the RTE Act in respect of the Petitioners – Schools, the Finance Department of the State has not been joined as party Respondents. She has submitted that it is the Finance Department of the State who is necessary party and to whom the directions can be issued for reimbursement of dues of the Petitioners – Schools.

2. We have taken this submission into consideration and accordingly direct the Petitioners to join the State of Maharashtra through Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai as party Respondent.

3. This amendment shall be carried out forthwith. Re-
verification is dispensed with.

[FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA J.]