

Priya Soparkar

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 17539 OF 2024

Ravindra Babanrao Kamthe and ors. ...Petitioners
Versus
State of Maharashtra and ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Sandeep M. Phatak with Mr. A. Kadam, for the Petitioners.
Mr. B. V. Samant, Addl. GP with Mr. S. P. Kamble, AGP, for the
State.

CORAM: SUMAN SHYAM &
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, JJ.

DATED: 18th AUGUST 2026.

PC:-

1. It appears that the Petitioners have directly approached this Court by filing this Writ Petition *inter-alia* assailing the revised merit-list dated 12th September, 2023 published in terms of the direction issued by the learned MAT by the order dated 22nd February, 2023 passed in Original Application (OA) No.04 of 2018 instituted by similarly situated candidates. It is not in dispute that although the matter did lie within the domain of the learned Maharashtra Administrative Tribunal (MAT), Mumbai, yet, instead of filing any OA, the Petitioners have directly approached this

Court by filing this Writ Petition primarily on account of the fact that another Petition being Writ Petition No.2498 of 2024, assailing the order dated 22nd February, 2023 passed by the learned Tribunal, raising similar issues, was pending before this Court.

2. The Writ Petition No.2498 of 2024 has been disposed of by this Court by order dated 18th August, 2026. Further, the prayer(s) in the present Writ Petition can very well be considered by the learned MAT. Therefore, this Writ Petition, is being disposed of with liberty for the Petitioners to approach the learned MAT by filing appropriate application. If any OA, pertaining to the revised merit-list dated 12th September, 2026, is filed by the Writ Petitioner(s) as Applicants within four weeks from the date of uploading of this order, the issue of limitation shall not come in their way.

3. Writ Petition stands closed.

(ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.)

(SUMAN SHYAM, J.)