

3. Learned counsel for petitioner has placed reliance on various decisions of this Court including a Nagpur Bench decision in the case of *Satish Madhaorao Kale and others Vs. State of Maharashtra and others*. In the said order dated 28 October, 2016, the Division Bench after examining the controversy involved in the petition, has decided an identical issue holding the petitioners in the said petition entitled for the

relief as has been granted in the earlier petitions including in writ petition No.6116 of 2014. Having gone through the said order, we find that the question involved in the present petition is squarely covered by the said order.

4. Learned AGP submits that a decision has already been taken in the meeting held on 24 November, 2016 to give benefit to all such teachers who have been awarded State/National Award of “Aadarsh Shikshak”.

5. Keeping in view the law laid down by Division Bench in case of ***Satish Madhaorao Kale (supra)***, as also the decision taken by the State on 24th November, 2016, we allow this petition in terms of prayer clause (a) of the petition and direct the State Government to disburse the monetary benefits to the petitioner within a period of six weeks from today.

6. With the above directions, petition stands disposed of. No order as to costs.

(PRAKASH D. NAIK, J.)

(SHANTANU S. KEMKAR, J.)