

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

941 WRIT PETITION NO.8396 OF 2019

ASHOK MANIKRAO RATHOD AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Mr. V.B.Jadhav, Advocate for Petitioners.
Mrs. M.A.Deshpande, AGP for Respondents-State.
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**CORAM : S.V. GANGAPURWALA AND
MANGESH S. PATIL, JJ.**

DATE : 10th July, 2019

PER COURT :-

1. The petitioners' claim to be the Class III and Class IV employees of the Ashram School run under the Social Justice Department. They seek ACPS benefit.
2. The learned AGP accepts notice for Respondents-State.
3. The issue is no longer *res-integra*. In view of the catena of judgments such as the judgment in Writ Petition No.2358 of 2013 dated 21.09.2013. In light of the above, we follow the same course.

(i) We declare that the benefit of ACPS, which is applicable to the employees of Group 'C' and 'D' non-teaching staff of the aided Private Schools in the State

under the Government Resolution dated 30th April, 1998 as modified from time to time shall be available to the non-teaching staff of the same category in the private aided Ashram Schools ;

(ii) The appropriate Authority appointed by the State Government shall examine the individual cases of the petitioners for deciding whether they satisfy the criteria laid down for availability of the benefit of ACPS to the private aided Government Schools under the Government Resolution dated 30th April, 1998 as modified from time to time ;

(iii) We make it clear that the petitioners will be entitled to the benefit of the said scheme, provided they satisfy the eligibility criteria which is prescribed for the corresponding non-teaching staff of the private aided Schools :

(iv) We grant time of six months to the respondents to scrutinize the cases of the petitioners and to consider whether they are eligible for the benefit of ACPS;

(v) To those petitioners who are found eligible, the benefit shall be extended, as expeditiously as possible;

4. The Writ Petition is disposed of.

(MANGESH S. PATIL, J.)

(S.V. GANGAPURWALA, J.)

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