

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.9345 OF 2016

Dr. D. S. Nikam

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra and others

..Respondents

None for the Petitioner.

Mr. M. M. Pabale, AGP for the Respondent No.1.

CORAM : PRADEEP NANDRAJOG, C.J. &
N. M. JAMDAR, J.

DATE : 25th JUNE, 2019

P.C.

1] Notice is yet to be issued in the Writ Petition.

2] None appears for the Petitioner.

3] We have perused the Writ Petition and the annexures annexed therewith.

4] Having been awarded a Ph.D. degree, on a complaint made alleging plagiarism, the Shivaji University, Kolhapur constituted a committee to look into the dissertation submitted by the Petitioner.

The allegation was that the dissertation submitted by the Petitioner had resorted to plagiarism from the dissertation submitted by one Dr. V. B. Khyade. The Expert Committee found that the thesis submitted by the Petitioner had 95% similarity with respect to the contents and the methodology reflected in the dissertation submitted by Dr. V. B. Khyade.

5] Being a matter of expert opinion and further for the reasons there are no effective pleadings to challenge the principles on which the Expert Committee proceeded to analyze the dissertation, no case is made out to interfere in the decision taken by the University to revoke the Ph.D. degree conferred upon the Petitioner. The Petition is dismissed in limine.

N. M. JAMDAR, J

CHIEF JUSTICE