

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

WRIT PETITION NO.225 OF 2018

Maharani Durgawati Gondwana Shikshan Sanskritik Vikas Parishad, Khapa (Khurd), Tah.
Tumsar, Dist. Bhandara, Thr. its President and anr.

-vs-

State of Maharashtra, Thr. its Secretary, Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
and ors.

Office notes, Office Memoranda of
Coram, appearances, Court's orders
or directions and Registrar's orders.

Court's or Judge's Orders.

Shri P. N. Shende, Advocate for petitioner.
Ms Shamsi Haider, Assistant Government Pleader for respondent Nos.
1 to 3.

CORAM : A. S. CHANDURKAR AND VINAY JOSHI, JJ.
DATE : MARCH 04, 2020

Rule. Heard finally considering the limited issue involved.

The grievance of the petitioner No.1-Institution is that it is running an Ashram School in tribal area which is duly recognised by the respondents. Initially it was receiving 100% grant-in-aid. Pursuant to the policy of the State Government as the strength of students in its Sections was reduced to less than 30%, the grant-in-aid facility by way of reimbursement of the expenditure on lodging and boarding of the students was discontinued. The petitioners made representations to the Tribal Department but the grants from the academic year 2015-2016 have not been released.

2. In the reply filed on behalf of the respondent No.2 it has been stated that as the number of students in each

Section were reduced the release of grants were stopped. It is further stated in paragraph 9 of the reply that though the petitioners were called to attend the office of respondent No.3 for redressal of its grievances the petitioners had not responded to the same.

3. On hearing the learned counsel for the parties and after perusing Government Resolution dated 18/07/2019 it is seen that the policy in the matter of release of grants has now undergone some change. According to the petitioners the requirement of minimum students in a Section has been discontinued. Be that as it may, it is the case of the respondent No.2 that despite being called upon, the petitioners did not attend the office of the respondent No.2.

In aforesaid facts, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the petitioners to approach the respondent No.3 with its representation in the matter of release of grants from the academic year 2015-2016. After giving due opportunity to the petitioners the said representation be decided expeditiously on its own merits.

No costs.

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