

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE, BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

943 WRIT PETITION NO.2863 OF 2021

**MANOJ PRALHAD THAKUR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

...

Advocate for Petitioner : Mr. D.D. Pande & Mr. G.A. Nagori
AGP for Respondent State : Mr. S.P. Tiwari
Advocate for Respondent 2 : Mr. S.R. Patil

...

944 WRIT PETITION NO.2865 OF 2021

**DILIP MAHARU THAKUR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

...

Advocate for Petitioner : Mr. D.D. Pande & Mr. G.A. Nagori
AGP for Respondent State : Mr. S.W. Munde
Advocate for Respondent 2 : Mr. S.R. Patil

...

948 WRIT PETITION NO.3167 OF 2021

**RAJENDRA MAHARU THAKUR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

...

Advocate for Petitioner : Mr. D.D. Pande & Mr. G.A. Nagori
AGP for Respondent State : Mr. S.G. Karlekar
Advocate for Respondent 2 : Mr. S.R. Patil

...

**CORAM : S.V. GANGAPURWALA &
R.N. LADDHA, JJ.**

DATED : 01/09/2021.

PER COURT :

. The applications of the petitioners for correction of

the caste in the school record are rejected by Administrative Officer only on the ground that the petitioners had left the school.

2. The Full Bench of this Court in the case of **Janabai d/o. Himmatrao Thakur Vs. State of Maharashtra and Ors. reported in 2019 (6) Mh.L.J. 769** was considering clause 26.4 of Secondary School Code wherein proviso existed that after the student has left the school, the school record cannot be corrected. The Full Bench of this Court held that obvious mistake in the school record can be corrected even after the student has left the school.

3. Applying the same analogy here, the competent authority may reconsider the applications filed by the petitioners for correction of caste in the school record on its own merits, in accordance with law and may not reject it only on the ground that the applications are made after the petitioners had left the school. However, the other merits shall be considered by the competent authority while dealing with the applications of the petitioners.

4. Writ petitions are accordingly disposed of. No costs.

[R.N. LADDHA, J.]

[S.V. GANGAPURWALA, J.]

ssc/