

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

920 WRIT PETITION NO.10165 OF 2021

REKHU MEGHA RATHOD AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

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Advocate for Petitioners : Mr. Vijay A. Dhakne.
AGP for Respondent/State: Ms R. P. Gour.
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CORAM : S. V. GANGAPURWALA &
R. N. LADDHA, JJ.

DATE : 15th September, 2021.

P.C.:

. The petitioners are the members of the non teaching staff in Group – D category. They claim the benefit of A.C.P.S.

2. Mr. Dhakne, the learned counsel for petitioners and Ms Gour, the learned A. G. P. submit that, the parties would be governed by the decision of the Division Bench of this Court at Principal Seat at Bombay in Writ Petition No. 2358 of 2013 with other connected writ petitions decided vide judgment dated September 21, 2013.

3. In the light of that, we also adopt the same recourse and pass the following order.

ORDER

A. 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.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. 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.

E. Those petitioners who are found eligible, the benefit shall be extended, as expeditiously as possible.

F. The writ petition accordingly disposed of. No costs.

[R. N. LADDHA, J.]

[S. V. GANGAPURWALA, J.]