

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO.752 OF 2021

Saroj Verma

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. Kunal Vaishnav a/w Ms. Mallika Joshi i/by Solomon & Co. for the
Petitioner.

Mr. Kedar Dighe, AGP for Respondent No.1-State.

Mr.S.R. Nargolkar a/w Mr. Arjun Kadam for Respondent No.2.

Ms. Meena Doshi a/w Ms. Sadhana Datar i/by Maniar Srivastava
Associates for Respondent No.4.

**CORAM : PRASANNA B. VARALE &
ABHAY AHUJA, JJ.**

DATE : 14TH OCTOBER 2021

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner.

2. A limited grievance was raised in the Petition. It is submitted
to this Court that the Petitioner, who was holding position as a Vice-
Principal and Head of the Business Economics Department in Respondent
No.4 College, was subjected to a dismissal order. Being aggrieved by the
said order, the Petitioner filed an appeal in September, 2016. It is

submitted before this Court that for want of appointment of the Presiding Officer, the appeal could not be heard expeditiously. On the backdrop of this grievance, the Division Bench of this Court, vide order dated 29th September, 2021, expected a response from the State Government in view of the recommendation made by the Hon'ble The Chief Justice in the communication letter dated 7th January, 2020.

3. The learned AGP today placed on record copy of a decision by the State Government dated 13th October, 2021, same is taken on record and marked 'X' for identification. The State Government, by invoking the powers under Section 80(9) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, is pleased to appoint Shri A.M. Dhavale, former Judge of this Court and his tenure would be three years from the date of his assumption of the charge.

4. It may not be necessary for us to refer to the other terms in the decision of the State Government dated 13th October, 2021.

5. In view of the aboveresferred decision, we hope and trust that the appeal, filed at the instance of the Petitioner pending before the University and College Tribunal, would be decided as per its turn.

6. In view of the above order, the grievance raised in the Petition no more survives, the Petition is accordingly disposed of.

(ABHAY AHUJA, J.)

(PRASANNA B. VARALE, J.)