

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 816 OF 2021

- PETITIONERS :-**
- 1] Madhukar Isulal Pardhi, Aged about-65 years, Occu-Retired, R/o Kamargaon, Po. Mondipar, Tq. Goregaon, Dist. Gondia.
 - 2] Beneshwar Mohanlal Katre, Aged about 62 years, Occu-Retired, R/o Aniha Nagar, Bongaon, Tq. Amgaon, Dist. Gondia.
 - 3] Sunil Wasudeo Ninave, Aged about 60 years, Occu-Retired, R/o Near Police Station, Amgaon, Tq. Amgaon, Dist. Gondia.
 - 4] Siddharth Rupchand Meshram, Aged about 58 years, Occu-Retired, R/o Sale Tax Colony, Gondia, Tq. Gondia, Dist. Gondia.
 - 5] Yadorao Chambharu Bhoyar, Aged about 57 years, Occu-Service, R/o Aniha Nagar, Bongaon, Tq. Amgaon, Dist. Gondia.
 - 6] Madhukar Hagruji Burde, Aged about 56 years, Occu-Service, R/o Behind Bajaj Chemical, Shastri Ward, Gondia Tq. Dist. Gondia.
 - 7] Shruti Sailendranath Chatterjee, Aged about 51 years, Occu-Service, R/o. Kamtha Chowk, Tq. Amgaon, Dist. Gondia.
 - 8] Rajkumar Mohanpuri Goswami, Aged about 56 years, Occu-Service, R/o.

Shambaba Ghodiwala, Kurwa Naka,
Gondia, Tq. and Dist. Gondia.

- 9] Puranlal Keshorao Patle, Aged about-58 years, Occu-Retired, R/o At post – Thanegaon, Tq. Tirora, Dist. Gondia.
- 10] Ranjitsing Lalsing Machhirke, Aged about-53 years, Occu-Service, R/o Shastri Ward, Gondia, Dist. Gondia.
- 11] Pradip Shipvram Ganvir, Aged about-54 years, Occu-Service, R/o At Post Morgaon, Arjuni, Tq. Morgaon Arjuni, Dist. Gondia.

...VERSUS...

- RESPONDENTS :-
- 1] State of Maharashtra, through its Secretary, Rural Development and Water Conservation Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
 - 2] State of Maharashtra, through its Secretary, School Education and Sports Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
 - 3] Divisional Commissioner, Nagpur Division, Nagpur, Tq. and Dist. Nagpur.
 - 4] Zilla Parishad, Gondia through its Chief Executive Officer, Gondia, Tq. and Dist. Gondia.
 - 5] Education Officer (Primary), Zilla Parishad, Gondia, Tq. and Dist. Gondia.

Mr.A.R.Deshpande, counsel for petitioners.
Mrs. Ketki Joshi, GP for respondent Nos.1 to 3.
None for respondent Nos.4 and 5.

**CORAM : SUNIL B.SHUKRE &
ANIL L. PANSARE, JJ.**

DATE : 02.12.2021.

ORAL JUDGMENT (Per: Sunil B.Shukre, J.)

Heard.

2. **Rule.** Rule made returnable forthwith. Heard finally by consent of the learned counsel appearing for the parties. Though respondent Nos.4 and 5 are served, none appears on their behalf.

3. It is not in dispute that the issue involved in this petition pertains to the petitioners being District Awardee Teachers have received the award of excellence for their work in their respective districts and so are entitled to benefits flowing from such conferment of the award on them, going by the view taken by this Court in the case of *Sanjay Ramkrushan Waghmare and others v. State of Maharashtra and others*, decided by common judgment rendered

on 14th February, 2019 in *Writ Petition No.5419 of 2018 and others*.

We therefore, allow the petition and issue the following directions.

4. The respondent-Zilla Parishad after satisfying themselves about the petitioners being District Awardee Teachers having been awarded certificates prior to 4th September, 2018 shall individually consider the case of the petitioners for additional increment as is laid down under the Government Resolution dated 12th December, 2000. The same shall be considered on merits of each individual case by considering the judgments rendered in all the applicable cases as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of six months.

5. Rule is made absolute in the above terms. No costs.

(ANIL L. PANSARE, J)

(SUNIL B. SHUKRE, J)