

Mr. L. H. Kawale, Advocate for the petitioner.
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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
ANIL L. PANSARE, JJ.**

DATE : 30th JUNE, 2022.

PER COURT :

1. All these petitioners are identically placed and are beneficiaries of the order dated 29th February, 2019, passed by this Court (Coram : Prasanna B. Varale & S. M. Gavhane, JJ) delivered in Writ Petition No. 1680/2019 filed by Raghunath Madhavrao Aalgule and another vs. The State of Maharashtra and others and connected petitions. Many of these petitioners approached this Court in the first contempt petitions. By order dated 8th December, 2021, the contempt petitions were disposed off by recording the statement of the then Education Officer that the Government would be sanctioning an amount of Rs. 53,00,000/- for these petitioners and within four months, the arrears would be paid to them.

2. In the present proceedings, Smt. Vandana Phutane, Education Officer (Primary), Zilla Parishad, Latur, is before the Court. She has taken charge on 25th February, 2022. The budget which was being asked for from the Government, has now received by

the department on 24th June, 2022. She makes a statement that all these petitioners would be granted their benefits strictly in accordance with paragraph No. 9 of the order dated 26th February, 2019. It is only in the case of around 3 to 4 petitioners whose original service books are not traced out. The learned Advocate for the petitioners submits that the second copies of the service books available with the petitioners would be tendered to the Education Officer on or before 7th July, 2022.

3. The Education Officer has tendered an affidavit and expressed her unconditional apology. We are considering her stand taken in these petitions since she joined on 25th February, 2022 and the budget by which the amounts are to be distributed to the petitioners, became available from the Government on 24th June, 2022.

4. In view of the above, as the petitioners are satisfied and the statement made by the Education Officer has been recorded as a statement made to the Court, these petitions are disposed off. Needless to state, payment would be made to all the original petitioners, on or before 30th August, 2022, failing which, we would

have to adopt a strict approach and in that situation, we would not accept any apology on behalf of any of the errant officers.

(ANIL L. PANSARE)
Judge

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE)
Judge

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