

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

948 WRIT PETITION NO.8658 OF 2023

SHRIKRUSHNA BALSADAN LOHA RUN BY JIVAN JYOT SHIKSHAN
PRASARAK MANDAL THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH
ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for Petitioners : Mr. Jadhav Vinod B.
AGP for the respondent – State : Mr. S.G. Sangle
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**CORAM : MANGESH S. PATIL &
SHAILESH P. BRAHME, JJ.**

DATE : 20 JULY 2023

PC :

The petitioner is a child care home which was having licence under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and is now seeking renewal/fresh licence under the successor Act, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

2. We have heard both the sides.

3. A similar issue was considered by us in a group of matters, ***Mother Teresa Balakashram Vs. The State of Maharashtra and others in Writ Petition No. 7821/2021*** and connected matters by our order dated 08.09.2022 to which one of us was a party.

4. We dispose of the writ petition by directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's proposal seeking renewal/issue of fresh licences under the Juvenile Justice Act of 2015 on its own merits, by following the course which we have expected of them while deciding the Writ Petition No. 7821/2021 (supra). The decision shall be taken as expeditiously as possible and in any case within sixteen weeks from today.

5. The petitioner shall appear before the respondent No. 2 - authority on 28.07.2023.

[SHAILESH P. BRAHME]
JUDGE

[MANGESH S. PATIL]
JUDGE

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