

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

915 WRIT PETITION NO.10839 OF 2023

NILKANTHESHWAR BALGRUHA RAMKRUSHNA
NAGAR THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH
ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND ANOTHER

AND

923 WRIT PETITION NO.10856 OF 2023

SHRI KASHINATH MAHARAJ BALGRUHA
KARALI PATI THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH
ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for Petitioner in both WPs : Mr. Jadhav Vinod B.
AGP for the respondent – State : Mr. S.R. Yadav-Lonikar

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**CORAM : MANGESH S. PATIL &
SHAILESH P. BRAHME, JJ.**

DATE : 31 AUGUST 2023

PC :

The petitioners are running child care homes having licences under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and are now seeking renewal of licences 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 petitions by directing the respondents to consider the petitioners' proposals seeking renewal of 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 petitioners shall appear before the respondent No. 2 - authority on 11.09.2023.

[SHAILESH P. BRAHME]
JUDGE

[MANGESH S. PATIL]
JUDGE

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