

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 13178 OF 2022

1. Ramesh Annappa Petakar
2. Chandrakala Somaji Meshram
3. Yashashri Rajendra Lohakare
4. Gopal Pandu Bisen
5. Ajay Rambhauji Ingole
6. Sudhir Dayaramji Khode
7. Dr.Shobha Muralidhar Belkhode
8. Pramod Shriram Jadhao
9. Jagannath Gorakh Jadhav

..... Petitioners

Vs.

1. The State of Maharashtra
Through the Secretary,
School Education and Sports Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai.

2. The State of Maharashtra,
Through the Principal Secretary,
Department of Finance,
Mantralaya, Mumbai.

3. The Director of Education
having its Office at Pune.

4. The Deputy Director of Education,
Kolhapur Division, Kolhapur.

5. The Deputy Director of Education,
Amravati Division, Amravati.

6. The Deputy Director of Education,
Nagpur Division, Nagpur.

7. The Chief Executive Officer,
Sangli Zilla Parishad, Sangli.

8. The Chief Executive Officer,
Wardha Zilla Parishad, Wardha.

9. The Chief Executive Officer,
Gondia Zilla Parishad, Gondia.

10. The Chief Executive Officer,
Amravati Zilla Parishad, Amravati Respondents

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for the Petitioners

Mr. Sumedh S. Modak i/b Mr. Vijay Killedar for Respondent no.7

Mr. N.C. Walimbe, Addl. G.P. a/w Mr. V.M. Mali, A.G.P. for the Respondent –
State

**CORAM: A.S.CHANDURKAR &
FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, JJ.
DATED : 13th DECEMBER 2023**

ORAL JUDGMENT (PER : A.S.CHANDURKAR, J) :

1. Rule. Rule made returnable forthwith.
2. Heard the learned Counsel for the parties.
3. Each Petitioner claims to have received State / National Award prior to the issuance of G.R. dated 4th September 2014. On that basis, the Petitioners' claim entitlement to two advance / additional increments.
4. The issue raised in this Writ Petition has been considered and decided in *Writ Petition No.13440 of 2017 (Ananta Sakharam Jadhav & Ors. vs. The State of Maharashtra & Ors.) on 9th June 2022*. By the said order, the Respondents were directed to verify as to whether the

Petitioners have received the State / National award prior to 4th September 2014. After verifying this aspect, the Petitioners were held entitled to receive such additional increments. In accordance with this order, the present Writ Petition is disposed of by directing the Respondents to verify as to whether the Petitioners have received the State / National Award prior to 4th September 2014.

5. If it is found that the Petitioners have received such award prior to the issuance of the aforesaid G.R., they would be entitled to the benefit of additional increment in accordance with the policy of the State Government. The entire exercise to be completed within a period of six months of receiving copy of this order.

6. Rule is disposed of in aforesaid terms. No order as to costs.

(FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.)

(A.S.CHANDURKAR, J.)