

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO.11572 OF 2023

Mohammed Sajid Abdul Kadar Patwekar .. Petitioner
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra,
Through Education & Sports Dept. and Ors. .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.11102 OF 2023

Swati Hari Gavit and Ors. .. Petitioners
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra,
Through School Education Department and Ors. .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.11128 OF 2023

Vivek Balasaheb Pahane and Ors. .. Petitioners
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra,
Through School Education Department and Ors. .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.11242 OF 2023

Yadav Aniket Satish .. Petitioner
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra,
Through School Education & Sports Dept. and Ors. .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.11574 OF 2023

Ruqayya Riyaz Sache and Ors. .. Petitioners
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra,
Through Dept. of Education & Sports and Anr. .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.11575 OF 2023

Khushalchand Chandar Bhoje and Anr. .. Petitioners

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra,

Through Dept. of Education & Sports and Anr. .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.11594 OF 2023

Avinash Bhagwan Chimate .. Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra,

Through Dept. of Education & Sports and Anr. .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.11595 OF 2023

Bhagvan Dilip Bedse and Ors. .. Petitioners

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra,

Through Dept. of Education & Sports and Anr. .. Respondents

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**CORAM : SUNIL B. SHUKRE &
FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, JJ
DATE : 11TH OCTOBER, 2023.**

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Following the interim relief granted by this court on different dates, all these petitioners have submitted their applications of self-certification by registering themselves on Pavitra Portal and this was well before the last date of submission of such self-certification applications, which was 6th October 2023. All these petitioners are similarly situated as the petitioners in Writ Petition No.8534 of 2023, along with connected matters, decided by a common order at Aurangabad Bench on 14th September 2023, wherein a view has been taken that if the petitioners, irrespective of their involvement in TET Scam, claimed their eligibility on the basis of their clearing Teachers Aptitude and Intelligence Test, such petitioners should be permitted to make an application regarding self-certification by registering themselves on the Pavitra Portal.
3. The only difference is that all these petitioners, instead of clearing Teachers Aptitude and Intelligence Test, have cleared Central Teachers' Eligibility Test, a different test from the State Teachers' Eligibility Test. But, the common ground between these petitioners and those petitioners before the

Aurangabad Bench put-forward for justifying their eligibility for making an application of self-certification on the Pavitra Portal has been that all these petitioners are not claiming any benefit of State Teachers' Eligibility Test but are independently approaching the Authority by drawing support from a different nature of qualification.

4. We are, therefore, of the view that all these petitioners are entitled for their appropriate registration on the Pavitra Portal and accordingly, we direct the Maharashtra State Examination Council, Pune to treat the applications of all these petitioners regarding their self-certification made on the Pavitra Portal as having been received before expiry of the last date of submission of such applications. We further direct the Maharashtra State Examination Council, Pune to deal with those applications in accordance with law. All these petitions are disposed of.

[FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.]

[SUNIL B. SHUKRE, J.]