



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

975 WRIT PETITION NO. 1299 OF 2024

PRANITA DEVIDAS PATIL AND OTHERS

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND OTHERS

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Dhage Vaibhav B.

AGP for Respondents 1 to 4/State : Mr. R.S. Wani

Advocate for Respondent 5 : Mr. Ujwal S. Patil

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CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE

&

Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.

DATE :- 31st January, 2024

Per Court :-

1. **Issue notice** to the Respondents, returnable on 21/02/2024. The learned AGP waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent Nos.1 to 4. The learned Advocate Shri. Patil waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent No.5.

2. The learned Advocate for the Petitioners submits, in the presence of the learned Advocate for the Respondent No.5/Zilla Parishad, Dhule that, notwithstanding the adverse material that has been uncovered against them by the Special Investigation Team (SIT), the Petitioners have been working for the last 12 years and are in employment even today. A show

cause notice has been issued to the Petitioners and they have already replied to the same. A decision thereon is not yet arrived at. Hurriedly, they may be terminated, without supplying a copy of the SIT report.

3. In view of the above, we direct status-quo, as existing today, to be maintained until further orders.

4. Let the affidavits-in-reply be filed at least 10 days prior to the returnable date in this matter. Let the Special Investigation Team's (SIT) report, which is said to be running into 600 pages, be placed on record by the Zilla Parishad alongwith it's affidavit.

5. All office objections shall be removed on or before 13/02/2024, failing which, the Petition shall stand dismissed without reference to the Court on 14/02/2024.

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(Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)