



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD
928 WRIT PETITION NO. 13167 OF 2024
MANOJ VISHNU PAGARE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS
WITH
932 WRIT PETITION NO. 13176 OF 2024
LATA SINGA GAVIT AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS
WITH
933 WRIT PETITION NO. 13177 OF 2024
ABDUL KARIM ABDUL LATIF ANSARI AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS
WITH
934 WRIT PETITION NO. 13183 OF 2024
SANJAYKUMAR LOTANKBHAI JADHAV AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS
WITH
935 WRIT PETITION NO. 13184 OF 2024
ISHWAR KHANDU SONAWANE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS
AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 13151 OF 2024
PRAKASH KANTILAL CHAUDHARI AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

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**CORAM : S. G. MEHARE AND
SHAILESH P. BRAHME, JJ.**

DATE : 03rd DECEMBER 2024

PER COURT :

. Writ Petition No. 13151/2024 is not on Board. Taken on board at the request of Learned Counsel for the petitioners.

2. In all those petitions the petitioners are claiming one-step pay-scale as per the Government Resolution dated 06.08.2002 and the consequential benefit of salary. The issue involved is no more Res integra. They have placed on record the order passed by Coordinate Bench on 16.08.2024 in Writ Petition No.8664 of 2024 and connected matters. We find that all those petitions can also be disposed of in terms of the order passed by Coordinate Bench. We propose to follow the same course and reasons.

3. We therefore allow these petitions in the following terms.

i) The Education Officer of the Zilla Parishad shall scrutinize the records of all these Petitioners and the places at which they are deployed for performing their duties, within 30 days.

ii) The Education Officer shall clear all those cases which are without legal impediment after verification and if they are found eligible for one-step pay-scale, for rendering services in Tribal area and PESA areas. Their salary with arrears be paid within 45 days thereafter.

iii) After scrutiny, if any of these Petitioners, on the basis of their records, are found to be ineligible, the Education Officer, Zilla Parishad, would issue notices to each of such Petitioners, so as to enable them to appear before the said authority and address the Education Officer.

iv) After such hearing, which shall be completed within 90 days, the Zilla Parishad shall pass appropriate orders and grant benefits of one-step pay-scale to those candidates, who are found to be eligible.

v) Those Petitioners, who suffer adverse orders after the above stated exercise is completed, would be at liberty to avail of a statutory remedy, as is permissible in law.

[SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.]

[S. G. MEHARE, J.]