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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

14 WRIT PETITION NO. 15683 OF 2023

SUDHIR NIVRUTTIRAO GAULKAR
VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS CHIEF
SECRETARY AND ANOTHER

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Mr R. P. Bhumkar, Advocate for Petitioner;
Mr A. B. Girase, G.P. for Respondents/State

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE
AND
Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.**

DATE : 2nd January, 2024

PER COURT:

1. The Petitioner claims to be working on the post of a 'Construction Supervisor' since 2014 with Respondent No.2/University at Nanded. Because of Covid-19 infection, he was absent. He has been issued with a show cause notice dated 06/10/2023 by Respondent No.2 for remaining unauthorizedly absent. In this backdrop, he prays for a direction for payment of his salary from October 2023 on-wards.

2. We find that, there are several disputed issues. Moreover, the Petitioner can approach the Grievances Committee

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of Respondent No.2 under Section 79 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (the 2016 Act).

3. In view of the above, **this Writ Petition is disposed off**, with liberty to the Petitioner to avail of the remedy under Section 79 of the 2016 Act. If such a grievance is voiced by the Petitioner, we expect the University to take a decision thereon within a period of 90 days.

(Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

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