

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 2258 OF 2024

Sudhagad Education Society Pali Thr. Its
President And Ors

...Petitioners

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra Thr. The Secretary
School Education And Sports & Ors

...Respondents

Mr. Prashant Bhavake for the Petitioners.

Mr. V. M. Mali, AGP for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 5

**CORAM : NITIN JAMDAR &
M. M. SATHAYE, JJ.**

DATED : 23rd FEBRUARY, 2024

P.C.:

. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. Petitioner No. 3 Assistant teacher, Petitioner No. 1 Management and Petitioner No. 2 school are jointly challenging the Order dated 15 January 2024 passed by Respondent No. 5 / Education Officer, Raigad Zilla Parishad (Secondary), Alibag. By said impugned Order, the approval to individual appointment of Petitioner No. 3 is rejected.

3. It is submitted that the impugned order is passed directly without

any show cause notice about proposed grounds of rejection. It is further submitted that had an opportunity been given, the Petitioners would have given appropriate and necessary explanations to the reason stated in impugned Order for rejection. This is yet another matter, where an inquiry about the grounds of rejection are required to be done for the first time in this Court.

4. In that view of the matter, we dispose of this petition by directing that the impugned order dated 15 January 2024 shall be treated as notice to the Petitioners of the proposed grounds of rejection. The Petitioners' proposal stands restored. If there are any other grounds on which the Education Officer intends to reject the proposal, he is directed to communicate the same to the Petitioners within a period of 3 weeks from today.

5. The Petitioners shall thereafter submit their explanation to the proposed grounds of rejection, along with supporting material and case laws, government resolutions, orders of this Court etc. if relied upon. The Respondent Education Officer is directed to decide the proposal thereafter, by dealing with the explanation given by the Educational Institute as also dealing with case law/orders of this Court, by passing a reasoned order, within a period of 8 weeks, subject to other time bound directions.

6. We have not expressed any opinion on the Petitioners' proposal and the same shall be decided on its own merits in accordance with law. Needless to mention that if the Respondent Education Officer proceeds to grant proposal as prayed, consequent benefits and orders will follow, and in that case, the aforesaid procedure/directions will not apply.

7. The writ petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(M.M. SATHAYE, J.)

(NITIN JAMDAR, J.)