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

50 WRIT PETITION NO. 2571 OF 2025

1. SARASWATI SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, THROUGH ITS ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR
2. PINNACLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, THR. ITS PRINCIPAL
3. PINNACLE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL, THR. ITS PRINCIPAL

VERSUS

1. THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND SPORTS, MANTRALAYA, MUMBAI
2. THE DIRECTORATE OF PRIMARY EDUCATION, PUNE
3. THE EDUCATION OFFICER (PRIMARY), ZILLA PARISHAD, NANDED

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Mr Amit A. Mukhedkar, Advocate for petitioners

Mr M. M. Nerlikar, Addl.G.P. for respondent Nos.1 & 2

Ms Y. S. Thorat, Advocate for respondent No.3

CORAM : MANGESH S. PATIL

AND

PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, JJ.

DATE : 24th February, 2025

PER COURT:

1. It is a matter of reimbursement of school fees in respect of 25% students admitted by the petitioners/management under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

2. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable forthwith.

Learned A.G.P. waives service for respondent Nos.1 and 2. Learned

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advocate Ms Thorat waives service of notice on behalf of respondent No.3.

3. We have heard both the sides.

4. We dispose of the writ petition by directing the respondents to undertake scrutiny of the petitioners' proposals independently on its own merits and take appropriate decision as expeditiously as possible and in any case, within a period of four (04) weeks from today, and if the petitioners are found entitled to get reimbursement, shall disburse the money to them within a period of four weeks thereafter.

(PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.) (MANGESH S. PATIL, J.)

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