



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

941 WRIT PETITION NO. 8618 OF 2025

**PRADIP BABURAO MAHALE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Shinde Rahul Ashok
AGP for Respondents/State : Mr. S.K. Tambe
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**CORAM : MANISH PITALE &
Y.G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.
DATE : 24th September, 2025**

PC. :-

1. The Petitioners in this petition are seeking benefit of promotional scale / one step increment (Ekstar) from the date of their postings in tribal area till they were working in such an area.
2. We find that the Petitioners have not approached the Respondent No.5 till date for such relief and directly this writ petition has been filed invoking writ jurisdiction.
3. In that light, the Writ Petition is disposed of by permitting the Petitioners to make a representation regarding their grievance before the Respondent No.5/ Education Officer (Secondary), Zilla Parishad, Dhule within two weeks from today. If such representation is filed before the

Respondent No.5 within the said period of time, the said Respondent shall consider and dispose of the representation on merits within six weeks of receipt of the representation, in accordance with law and in the light of orders passed by this court considering the claim of employees under one step increment (Ekstar) scheme in the light of Government Resolutions dated 06.08.2002 and 29.02.2024. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

[Y.G. KHOBRADE, J.]

[MANISH PITALE, J.]