IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

17 WRIT PETITION NO. 3572 OF 2025

SURESH BANSI PATEL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. E. S. Murge
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. D. Ghayal

…

AND

18 WRIT PETITION NO. 7294 OF 2025

DILIP SAMBHU SALVE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. M. M. Nerlikar

…

AND

20 WRIT PETITION NO. 7434 OF 2025

SANDIP RAJARAM PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. K. U. Chaudhari & M. R. Suryawanshi
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. M. M. Nerlikar

…

AND

26 WRIT PETITION NO. 7255 OF 2025

RAJU DEVRAM KADAMBANDE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. V. Hange

…

AND

27 WRIT PETITION NO. 7262 OF 2025

SIDDHARTH NARAYAN SAMUDRE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioner : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. M. M. Nerlikar

…

AND

28 WRIT PETITION NO. 7263 OF 2025

JAHIRODDIN MOHIYODDIN SHAIKH AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. M. M. Nerlikar

…

AND

29 WRIT PETITION NO. 7264 OF 2025

VASANT RATILAL PATEL AND OTHERS
VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioner : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. M. M. Nerlikar

…

AND

30 WRIT PETITION NO. 7265 OF 2025

JAYWANT ATAMARAM GHARTE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. M. M. Nerlikar

…

AND

31 WRIT PETITION NO. 7267 OF 2025

DIPAK VYANKATRAO SHINDE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. M. M. Nerlikar

…

AND

32 WRIT PETITION NO. 7268 OF 2025

MAHENDRA FAKIRA PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioner : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. M. M. Nerlikar
Advocate for the Respondents No. 6 and 8 : Mr. P. S. Patil

…

AND

33 WRIT PETITION NO. 7270 OF 2025

MANOHAR JAYWANT SURYAWANSHI AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. D. Ghayal

…

AND

34 WRIT PETITION NO. 7271 OF 2025

ANIL MOHAN PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. P. Sonpawale

…

AND

35 WRIT PETITION NO. 7272 OF 2025

AMBALAL BANSI CHAUDHARI AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. K. U. Chaudhari
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. V. M. Kagne

…

AND

36 WRIT PETITION NO. 7273 OF 2025

PRAKASH ISHWAR JOHARI AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. R. K. Ingole

…

AND

37 WRIT PETITION NO. 7274 OF 2025

SHARAD RAMESH PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Ms. Saie. S. Joshi

…

AND

38 WRIT PETITION NO. 7275 OF 2025

RAJSHRI MOHAN AHIRAO AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Ms. N. B. Kamble

…

AND

39 WRIT PETITION NO. 7276 OF 2025

SHAMPRASAD BHAIDAS AAGALE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. V. Hange

…

AND

40 WRIT PETITION NO. 7277 OF 2025

HARISH SADASHIV JADHAV AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. D. Ghayal

…

AND

41 WRIT PETITION NO. 7278 OF 2025

TARKESHWAR RAMAN PATEL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. P. Sonpawale

…

AND

42 WRIT PETITION NO. 7279 OF 2025

RAHULDEV PUSHPENDRA PATHAK AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. V. M. Kagne
…

AND

43 WRIT PETITION NO. 7280 OF 2025

CHETAN SURESH CHAUDHARI AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. R. K. Ingole
…

AND

44 WRIT PETITION NO. 7281 OF 2025

VIJAY SHIVDAS PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Ms. Saie S. Joshi
…

AND

45 WRIT PETITION NO. 7282 OF 2025

SUDHAKAR BHIKA RAMOLE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Ms. Neha B. Kamble
…

AND

46 WRIT PETITION NO. 7283 OF 2025

VIDYANAND DAULATRAO PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. V. Hange
Advocate for the Respondents No. 6 and 8 : Mr. P. S. Patil
…

AND

47 WRIT PETITION NO. 7284 OF 2025

KANTILAL GOKUL PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. D. Ghayal
Advocate for the Respondents No. 6 and 8 : Mr. P. S. Patil
…

AND

48 WRIT PETITION NO. 7285 OF 2025

DEVENDRA GULABSING GIRASE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. P. Sonpawale

…

AND

49 WRIT PETITION NO. 7286 OF 2025

VASUDEV BRIJLAL CHAUDHARI AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. V. M. Kagne

…

AND

50 WRIT PETITION NO. 7288 OF 2025

SAVITRI BASARA VALVI AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. R. K. Ingole

…

AND

51 WRIT PETITION NO. 7289 OF 2025

MAHENDRA HIMMATSING GIRASE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Ms. Saie S. Joshi
…

AND

52 WRIT PETITION NO. 7290 OF 2025

TANAJI JAHAGYA PAWAR AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Ms. Neha B. Kamble
…

AND

53 WRIT PETITION NO. 7291 OF 2025

KAPURCHAND DEVCHAND MARATHE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH TIS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. V. Hange
…

AND

54 WRIT PETITION NO. 7295 OF 2025

CHANDRAKANT RAMAN PATIL AND OTHERS

VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. D. Ghayal
…

AND

55 WRIT PETITION NO. 7296 OF 2025

AMBALAL LAXMAN PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners: Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. P. Sonpawale
…

AND

56 WRIT PETITION NO. 7297 OF 2025

RANJITSING MOHANSING RAJPUT AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH TIS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS
...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. V. M. Kagne
…

AND

57 WRIT PETITION NO. 7298 OF 2025

MUKESH PRALHAD PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY

AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. R. K. Ingole

…

AND

58 WRIT PETITION NO. 7312 OF 2025

ASHOK ROHIDAS SONAWANE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Ms. Saie S. Joshi

…

AND

59 WRIT PETITION NO. 7313 OF 2025

YOGESH NARAYAN PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Ms. Neha B. Kamble

…

AND

60 WRIT PETITION NO. 7314 OF 2025

NILESH UTTAM PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. V. Hange

…

AND

61 WRIT PETITION NO. 7315 OF 2025

ANIL MURALIDHAR PATEL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. D. Ghayal

…

AND

62 WRIT PETITION NO. 7316 OF 2025

RAVSAHEB PUNA PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. P. Sonpawale

…

AND

63 WRIT PETITION NO. 7418 OF 2025

GANESH SAHEBRAO PAWAR AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali

AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. V. M. Kagne

…

AND

64 WRIT PETITION NO. 7419 OF 2025

RAJARAM ONKAR PATIL AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Ms. Megha Y. Mali
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. R. K. Ingole

…

AND

68 WRIT PETITION NO. 7426 OF 2025

MINAKSHI PANKAJ BHADANE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Ms. Saie. S. Joshi
Advocate for the Respondents No. 6 and 8 : Mr. P. S. Patil

…

AND

70 WRIT PETITION NO. 7430 OF 2025

MILIND PANDURANG BANKAR AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. V. Hange

…

AND

71 WRIT PETITION NO. 7431 OF 2025

ASARAM PUNJU NAIK AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
Addl. GP for Respondents-State : Mr. S. D. Ghayal

…

AND

73 WRIT PETITION NO. 7433 OF 2025

SONALI CHANDRASHEKAR SURYAVANSHI AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...

Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. M. R. Suryawanshi
AGP for Respondents-State : Mr. V. M. Kagne

…

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

Dated : June 23, 2025

PER COURT :-

1. In Writ Petition No. 7268 of 2025 (Sr. No. 32 on Board), leave to correct the description of Respondents No. 6 and 8. Correction be carried out forthwith.

2. In all these Petitions involving the identically placed petitioners, all the Petitioners have prayed for the extending / releasing of the benefits of the One Step Pay Scale (Eksthar) as per the Government Resolutions dated 06.08.2002 and 29.02.2024, since they were working in tribal / PESA / difficult areas for several years.

3. We have considered the submissions of the learned Advocates for the respective sides and we have perused the series of orders passed by this Court in favour of similarly situated Petitioners, which have been annexed to the Petitions.

4. In view of the above, we do not find any such circumstances, which would convince us to take a different view.

5. The learned Advocates representing the respective parties in those cases (orders which have been annexed to the Petitions), have clearly stated that the order passed by this Court at the Principal Seat, in Writ Petition No. 8824 of 2021 **(Hiralal Jagannath Bawa and others vs. The State of Maharashtra and others)**, dated 21.12.2021, is applicable to

all such cases.

6. In view of the above, **all these Writ Petitions are allowed** in the following terms:-

i. The Respondent – Tribal Development / Zilla Parishad, shall scrutinize the records of these Petitioners and the places at which they are deployed for performing their duties, within a period of 30 days from today, considering the Government Resolution dated
29.02.2024.

ii. The cases which have no legal impediment after verification, shall be cleared by the concerned Respondent and the salary benefits, to which the Petitioners are entitled to, in the light of the one- step pay-scale made available to the employees working in the Tribal and PESA areas, shall be paid to them along with arrears as well as their current salary, within a period of 30 days, thereafter.

iii. After scrutiny, if the Petitioners, on the basis of their record, are found to be ineligible, the concerned Respondent, would issue notice to the Petitioners, so as to enable them to appear before the said authority and address it.

iv. After such hearing, which shall be completed within 120 days, the concerned Respondent shall pass an appropriate order and grant benefits of one-step pay-scale to those candidates, who are found to be eligible.

v. The Petitioners, who may suffer an adverse order after the

above stated exercise is completed, shall be at liberty to avail of a statutory remedy, as is permissible in law and in the light of the Government Resolution dated 29.02.2024 issued by the General Administration Department.

(Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, J.) (RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

Omkar Joshi