

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

**WRIT PETITION NO. 3935 OF 2024**

Kalpana Mahadev Pise

**... Petitioner**

**Versus**

The Education Officer (Secondary) Pune Zilla

Parishad, Edu. Dept. (Secondary) And Ors

**... Respondents**

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**Mr. Yatin Malvankar** *for the Petitioner.*

**Mrs. V. S. Nimbalkar**, *AGP for Respondent / State.*

**Ms. Madhavi M. Tavanandi** *for Respondent Nos. 2 & 3.*

**Ms. Ranjana Todankar**, *for Respondent Nos. 4 & 5.*

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**CORAM : SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.**

**DATE : 12 FEBRUARY 2025.**

**P.C. :**

1) The Petition challenges order dated 13 February 2024 passed by the Education Officer (Secondary), Pune Zilla Parishad, Pune adjudicating his seniority dispute *qua* Petitioner and Respondent Nos. 4 to 9.

2) It appears that after passing of the impugned order dated 13 February 2024 notification dated 28 January 2025 is issued providing for various guidelines in the matter of determination of seniority of teachers in group 'C'. In my view, the seniority dispute between the Petitioner and contesting Respondents needs to be adjudicated afresh in view of the guidelines in the notification dated 28 January 2025.

3) Accordingly order dated 13 February 2024 passed by the Education Officer is set aside and the proceedings are restored before the Education Officer, who shall take fresh decision in the seniority dispute between Petitioner and contesting Respondents by considering the notification dated 28 January 2025 read with the notification dated 24 March 2023. All contentions of parties on merits are expressly kept open. Considering the fact that the post of head master is lying vacant, the Education Officer is requested to take fresh decision in an expeditious manner preferably within a period three months. Parties shall appear before the Education Officer on 24 February 2025 and obtain further directions for fixation of date of hearing. During pendency of the proceedings before the Education Officer, Respondent No.4 shall continue to have the signing powers for running the day to day affairs of the school.

4) With the above directions, the Writ Petition is **disposed of**.

**[SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.]**