



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.12867 OF 2024

Lokmanya Shikshan Sanstha & Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra & Ors.

...Respondents

Mr. Prashant Laxman Rathod for the Petitioners.

Mr. Aditya R. Deolekar, AGP for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Rahul S. Kadam for Respondent Nos.2 & 3.

CORAM : M. S. Sonak &
Jitendra Jain, JJ.

DATED : 13 October 2025

PC.:-

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The Petitioners may apply to the Charity Commissioner for expeditious hearing on the change reports. If application for expeditious hearing is made, the same should be disposed of within two months of its making. Considering the submissions made before us, the change reports since the last 25 years are pending.
3. The learned counsel for the Respondents states that the application for expeditious hearing is already rejected on the ground that the change reports submitted by some of the Respondents have to be decided first. The Petitioners are not seeking for any out of turn adjudication but the Petitioners submit that all change reports cannot be kept pending for 25 years and should be decided expeditiously. At least *prima facie*, the submission appears to be reasonable and should be considered by the Charity Commissioner taking up all these change reports.

4. With the above direction, this petition is disposed of. No costs.

(Jitendra Jain, J.)

(M. S. Sonak, J.)