

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 14157 OF 2024

Shayamal Ashok Hardikar

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra Thr. The Secretary
Medical Education And Drugs And Ors

... Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 14160 OF 2024

Madhavi Mohan Shinde (Decd) Thr. Lrs.

Mr. Mohan Keshavrao Shinde & Ors.

... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Maharashtra Thr. The Secretary
Medical Education And Drugs And Ors

... Respondents

Mr. Sagar Mane *for the Petitioners.*

Mr. Aditya R. Deolekar, AGP *for Respondent No.1-State in
WP/14160/2024.*

CORAM : SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.

DATE : 10 FEBRUARY 2025.

P.C. :

1) Mr. Mane, the learned counsel appearing for the Petitioners invite my attention to the order dated 16 October 2024 by which the Division Bench has directed the registry to verify whether the Petition would pertain to the Division Bench or before Single

Judge of this Court. It appears that the registry has opined that the Petition would pertain to Single Judge of this Court.

2) One of the grounds on which the impugned penalty order as well as the order of the Appellate Authority is the gross inordinate delay in initiation of disciplinary proceedings. It is contended that the charge sheet pertaining to the events to 2002-2003 was served on the Petitioners, when they were on the verge of their retirement.

3) Issue notice to Respondents, returnable on **24 March 2025**.

4) Mr. Deolekar, the learned AGP waives service on behalf of the Respondent No.1-State. In addition to Court notice, Petitioners to serve Respondents by private service and file affidavit of service.

[SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.]