



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.4788 OF 2022

Sharad Vinayak Chavan & Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra Through
its Principal Secretary School Education
& Sports Department & Anr.

...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Krushna S/O Ramdas Gode & Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra & Anr.

...Respondents

WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.800 OF 2025

IN

WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Tukaram Pralhadrao Deshmukh & Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra & Anr.

...Respondents

WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.799 OF 2025

IN

WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Archana Ashok Pawar & Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

Krushna S/O Ramdas Gode & Ors.

...Respondents

WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.798 OF 2025

IN

WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Ramesh Shamroji Shirbhate & Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

Krushna S/O Ramdas Gode & Ors.

...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.797 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Aditi Sahebrao Jethe & Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
Krushna Ramdas Gode & Ors.	...Respondents

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INTERIM APPLICATION NO.796 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Navnath Ganpat Bhokare & Ors.	...Petitioners
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The State of Maharashtra & Anr.	...Respondents

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INTERIM APPLICATION NO.794 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Vikas Sudhakar Kshirsagar	...Petitioners
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Krushna S/O Ramdas Gode & Ors.	...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.793 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Vivek Raosaheb Daspute & Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
Krushna S/O Ramdas Gode & Ors.	...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.791 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Devidas Laxman Chavan & Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
Krushna Ramdas Gode & Ors.	...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.790 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Sandip Rohidas Pawar & Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
Krushna Ramdas Gode & Ors.	...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.13955 OF 2024
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Manisha Ankushrao Dorakhe & Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra Through Principal Secretary, School Education and Sports Department & Anr.	...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.13041 OF 2024
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Kunal Sureshrao Pimple & Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
Krushna S/O Ramdas Gode & Ors.	...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.13029 OF 2024
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Sachin Rameshrao Raut & Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
Krushna S/O Ramdas Gode & Ors.	...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.17978 OF 2022
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Kunal Sureshrao Pimple & Ors.	...Petitioners
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Versus
Krushna S/O Ramdas Gode & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.17549 OF 2023
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.6553 OF 2022

Kunal Sureshrao Pimple & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus
Krushna S/O Ramdas Gode & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.193 OF 2023

Maheshkumar S/O Audappa Pujari & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ...Respondents

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.8786 OF 2021

Gayatri W/O Subhash Mule & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (ST) NO.1859 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.8786 OF 2021

Vishal S/O Prakash Tikar ...Petitioners

Versus
Gayatri Subhash Mule & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.612 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.8786 OF 2021

Gayatri W/O. Subhash Mule & Ors. ...Petitioners

Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3003 OF 2019
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.8786 OF 2021**

The State of Maharashtra Through
The Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad
Through Project Director ...Petitioners
Versus
Gayatri W/O. Subhash Mule & Ors. ...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.10487 OF 2023**

Vijay Damodar Khude & Ors. ...Petitioners
Versus
The State of Maharashtra Through
Principal Secretary, School Education & Sports
Department & Ors. ...Respondents

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Adv. S. B. Talekar, Madhav Ayyapan & Anv. Parth Rajput in
WP/8786/2021, IA(ST)/1859/2025, IA/612/2025, IA/3003/2019
& WP/10487/2023, for the Petitioner.
Adv. A. G. Ambetkar a/w Ketan Pote for the Petitioner in
WP/4788/2022 and WP/6553/2022.
Adv. B.V. Samant, Addl. GP a/w Adv.. Pooja Joshi Deshpande , AGP
for the Respondent State.

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**CORAM : NITIN W. SAMBRE &
ASHWIN D. BHOBE, JJ.**

DATE : 23rd JANUARY, 2025

P. C. :-

1. The paragraph No. 17 of the affidavit dated
23/09/2024 sworn by Shri. Tushar Mahajan, Deputy Secretary,

School Education and Sports Department, State Government
reads thus :

“17. With reference to the contents of para Nos. 26 and 27 of the affidavit dated 07/08/2024 of the Petitioner, I say that, the Committee formed by the Government has conducted meeting on 21/08/2024 and 29/08/2024. I say that, the Committee report is at final stage and likely to submit its report at the earliest. I say that, the State Government is trying its level best to discharge its obligations under the RTE Act. I deny all the allegations made by the Petitioners.”

2. The lethargic approach on the part of the State Government particularly with the School Education Department can be noticed from the fact that but for the meetings being held in the month of August, 2024, nothing positive is placed on record thereby indicating any decision if taken so as to resolve the issue which is sought to be canvassed through Writ Petition.

3. A meagre remuneration of Rs. 7000/- is being offered which is even less than the salary paid to the peon of the State Government. In this background if the decision taken by the committee and further progress is not place on record within a period of four weeks as has been prayed by the Assistant Government Pleader, we direct the **Additional** Chief Secretary, Department of School Education to remain

present before this Court on **20th February, 2025** so as to enable this Court to frame the charge under the Contempt of Court Act, 1971 against the said Officer. **The matter be listed in the urgent admissions category, on the supplementary board.**

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

(NITIN W. SAMBRE, J.)

This order is corrected pursuant to Speaking to Minutes order dated 7th February, 2025 and the corrections are shown in bold.