

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 3721 OF 2025

Ashlesha Bajirao Patil

...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

...Respondents

Ms. Kalyani Mangave, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. V.M. Mali, AGP for Respondent No.1/State.

Mr. Kiran Gandhi i/by Little & Co., Advocate for Respondent Nos.2
& 3.

CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE

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ASHWIN D. BHOBE, JJ.

DATE : 12th MARCH, 2025

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P.C. :-

1. **Issue notice** to the Respondents, returnable on **21st April, 2025**. The learned AGP waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent No.1. The learned Advocate Mr. Gandhi waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent Nos.2 and 3.

2. Let the affidavit in reply be filed, on or before **8th April, 2025**.

3. We are informed that the Petitioner is being considered for appointment from the Ratnagiri Zone, which has been allocated 25 posts. She is in the merit list. She does not know her serial number in the merit list for appointment. She is not aware as to whether anyone above and below her, has already been appointed. As such, by way of ad-interim protection, we direct that no candidate, who has scored marks less than the Petitioner and allocated the Ratnagiri Zone, would be appointed without the leave of the Court, in that zone.

4. All office objections, if any, to be removed on or before 3rd April, 2025, failing which, the Petition would stand dismissed without reference to the Court, on 4th April, 2025.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)