

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

WRIT PETITION NO.5191 OF 2025

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| 1. Indian Social Research Development |] | |
| Organization, Solapur |] | |
| 2. Shri Brahmanath Seva Prasar Mandal, |] | |
| Selu, Tal. Vashi, Dist. Osmanabad |] | |
| 3. Renukamata Bahuuddeshiya Sevabhavi |] | |
| Sanstha, Mahandula, Tal. Georai, Dist. Beed |] | .. Petitioners |

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| 1. State of Maharashtra, |] | |
| Through Social Justice and Special Assistance Dept. |] | |
| 2. Commissioner (Persons with Disabilities), |] | |
| Maharashtra State, Pune |] | .. Respondents |

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.17318 OF 2024

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| Chhatrapati Shivaji Krida Shikshan Vs Sanskrutik |] | |
| Mandal, Yawali, Tal. Barshi, Dist. Solapur |] | .. Petitioner |

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| 1. State of Maharashtra, |] | |
| Through Social Justice and Special Assistance Dept. |] | |
| 2. Commissioner (Persons with Disabilities), |] | |
| Maharashtra State, Pune |] | |
| 3. The District Social Welfare Officer, |] | |
| Zilla Parishad, Solapur |] | .. Respondents |

Mr. Kishor Patil with Mr. Ashok Kadam and Mr. Amar Gharte, Advocates for the Petitioners in both the Writ Petitions.

Mr. N.C. Walimbe, Additional Government Pleader with Mr. S.P. Kamble, Assistant Government Pleader for Respondent Nos.1 and 2 in WP 5191/2025.

Mrs. Reena A. Salunkhe, Assistant Government Pleader for Respondent Nos.1 to 3 in WP 17318/2024.

**CORAM : A.S. CHANDURKAR &
M.M. SATHAYE, JJ**

DATE : 21ST APRIL 2025.

ORAL JUDGMENT : { Per A.S. Chandurkar, J. }

1. Rule. Rule made returnable forthwith. Considering similar prayers made in both these writ petitions, they are being disposed of by this common judgment.

2. All the Petitioners are conducting schools for specially enabled children and seek release of grant-in-aid from the Department of Social Justice and Special Assistance. They have made an application dated 10th August 2024 seeking release of such grants in terms of the then prevailing policy. Since their request has not been considered, they have filed the present writ petitions.

3. In Writ Petition No.17318 of 2024, affidavit-in-reply has been filed on behalf of the Respondent no.1 wherein it is stated that on 16th July 2024 the State Government has framed a new policy in the matter of releasing grant-in-aid for such schools. It is further stated that since the petitioners' application has been made prior to this policy coming into force, that request cannot be considered as per the earlier policy. Instead, if fresh applications are made by the petitioners, the same would be considered in accordance with the policy dated 16th July 2024. In the light of the aforesaid, the learned counsel for the petitioners seeks leave to make fresh applications to seek benefit of the Government Resolution

dated 16th July 2024.

4. Accordingly, if the petitioners make such application to the Respondent nos.1 and 2 within a period of two weeks from today, the same shall be considered in accordance with the prevailing policy dated 16th July 2024. A decision thereon be taken within a period of three months of receiving said applications by a reasoned order and the same be communicated to the Petitioners.

5. Keeping all contentions on merits open, the writ petitions are disposed of in above terms. Rule accordingly.

[M.M. SATHAYE, J.]

[A.S. CHANDURKAR, J.]