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

**WRIT PETITION NO.5456 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.15761 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.6028 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.15782 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.21330 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.7548 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.7552 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.8239 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.8753 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.8754 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.8946 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.9276 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.9977 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.10213 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.10432 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.10433 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.10470 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.10497 OF 2025**  
**WRIT PETITION (ST) NO.24468 OF 2025**  
**OOCJ WRIT PETITION (LODGING) NO.17362 OF 2025**

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| The Maharashtra Rajya Padvidhar Prathamik<br>Shikshak Va Kendrapramukh Sabha and Ors. | .. Petitioners |
| Ranvadi Budruk Zilla Parishad Primary School and Ors.                                 | .. Petitioners |
| Rajendra Ramchandra Chandiwade and Ors.                                               | .. Petitioners |
| The Hind Education Society, Miraj and Ors.                                            | .. Petitioners |
| Balraj Prataprao Bagal and Ors.                                                       | .. Petitioners |
| Bhivaji Lakshman Patil and Ors.                                                       | .. Petitioners |
| Dattatray Baburao Bhosale and Ors.                                                    | .. Petitioners |
| Sanjay Jagannath Shende and Ors.                                                      | .. Petitioners |
| The Maharashtra Rajya Prathamik Shikshan Sangh and Ors.                               | .. Petitioners |
| Maharashtra Rajya Prathamik Shikshan Pati Patni<br>Seva Sangh and Ors.                | .. Petitioners |
| Ujjwala Sunil Shingare and Ors.                                                       | .. Petitioners |
| Sanjay Dinkar Tembhe and Ors.                                                         | .. Petitioners |
| Santosh Pilaji Sabale and Ors.                                                        | .. Petitioners |
| Sunil Vitthal Phand and Ors.                                                          | .. Petitioners |
| Pradip Sadashiv Mahamuni                                                              | .. Petitioner  |
| Ratnakar Ramchandra Sarvankar and Ors.                                                | .. Petitioners |
| Ajay Mahadev Garate and Ors.                                                          | .. Petitioners |

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| Neelam Siddharth Hirway and Ors. | .. Petitioners |
| Vikas Ramesh Shelar and Ors.     | .. Petitioners |
| The Shikshanmandal, Goregaon     | .. Petitioner  |

***Versus***

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| The State of Maharashtra,<br>Through School Education & Sports Department and Ors. | .. Respondents |
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**ALONG WITH****WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.13145 OF 2025****WRIT PETITION NO.5759 OF 2025****WRIT PETITION NO.6213 OF 2025****WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.16603 OF 2025****WRIT PETITION NO.10321 OF 2025**

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| Shashank Gunaji Atak and Ors.                                                 | .. Petitioners |
| Dilip Ramchandra Mahadik and Ors.                                             | .. Petitioners |
| Rajaram Baburao Kavitkar and Ors.                                             | .. Petitioners |
| Maharashtra Rajya Graduate Primary Teachers<br>and Kendra Pramukh Association | .. Petitioners |
| Vinayak Lahu Magdum and Ors.                                                  | .. Petitioners |

***Versus***

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| Union of India,<br>Through Education Department and Ors. | .. Respondents |
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**ALONG WITH****INTERIM APPLICATION (ST) NO.25647 OF 2025 IN WRIT PETITION NO.5456 OF 2025****INTERIM APPLICATION (ST) NO.21996 OF 2025 IN WRIT PETITION NO.5456 OF 2025****INTERIM APPLICATION (ST) NO.24313 OF 2025 IN WRIT PETITION NO.6213 OF 2025****INTERIM APPLICATION (ST) NO.20158 OF 2025 IN WRIT PETITION NO.5460 OF 2025****INTERIM APPLICATION NO.10267 OF 2025 IN WRIT PETITION NO.8754 OF 2025****CONTEMPT PETITION NO.412 OF 2025 IN WRIT PETITION (ST) NO.13145 OF 2025**

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| Swarajya Shikshan Sanghatana, Maharashtra Rajya | .. Applicant   |
| Dnyaneshwar Balasaheb Sonawane                  | .. Applicant   |
| Madhusuudan Ramdas Ghode and Ors.               | .. Applicants  |
| Santosh Tukaram Ambale and Ors.                 | .. Applicants  |
| Maharashtra Rajya Prathamik Shikshan Pati Patni |                |
| Seva Sangh and Ors.                             | .. Applicants  |
| Shashank Gunaji Atak and Ors.                   | .. Petitioners |

**Appearances for the Petitioners in all the Writ Petitions**

- Mr. S.S. Pakale, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Saurabh Pakale and Mr. Nilesh Desai, Advocates for the Petitioner/s in WP/5456/2025, WP/6028/2025, WP/8239/2025, WP/8753/2025, WP/8754/2025, WP/9977/2025, WP/10213/2025, WP/10470/2025, WP/10497/

2025, IA(ST)/20158/2025 in WP/5460/2025 and WP(ST)/24468/2025.

- Mr. N.V. Bandiwadekar, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Vinayak Kumbhar, Mr. Rajendra B. Khaire, i/by Ms. Ashwini N. Bandiwadekar, Advocates for the Petitioner/s in WP/15761/2025 and WP(ST)/15782/2025.
- Mr. Niranjan Bhavake with Ms. Drishti Madhani, Ms. Swamini Thakur, Mr. Anurag Ramekar, Advocates, i/b Bhavake & Associate, for the Petitioner in WP(ST)/16603/2025.
- Mr. Shivkumar K. Mathpati, Advocate for the Petitioner in WP/6213/2025.
- Mr. Sanjeev P. Kadam, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Prashant Raul, Mr. Harsh Khot and Mr. Suraj Mhadgut, i/by Ms. Varsha M. Thorat, Advocates for the Petitioner/s in WP/7548/2025, WP/7552/2025, WP/8946/2025, WP/10432/2025 and WP/10433/2025.
- Ms. Preeti Walimbe with Ms. Vaishnavi Nagargoje, Advocates for the Petitioner in WP/9276/2025.
- Mr. Ashwin R. Kapadnis with Mr. Balaji Shinde, Advocates for the Petitioner in WP/10321/2025.

**Appearances for the Respondents in all the Writ Petitions**

- Mr. Rui Rodrigues with Ms. Gargi Warunjikar, Advocates for Respondent No.1-UI in WP(ST)/16603/2025.
- Mr. Rui Rodrigues with Mr. Sagar Ambedkar, Advocates for Respondent No.1-UI in CP/412/2025.
- Mr. Rui Rodrigues with Mr. Vinit Jain and Mr. Gaurav Mhatre, Advocates for the Respondent-UI in WP/8239/2025 and WP/8753/2025.
- Mr. Sunil Gosavi, Advocate for the Applicant in IA(ST)/25647/2025 in WP/5456/2025.
- Mr. Ashwin R. Kapadnis, Advocate for the Respondent - ZP, Pune in WP/5456/2025, WP(ST)/13145/2025, WP/5759/2025, WP/8239/2025, WP/8753/2025, WP/8754/2025, WP/9977/2025, WP/10213/2025, IA(ST)/20158 in WP/5460/2025 and WP(ST)/24468/2025.
- Ms. Priyanka Chavan, Advocate for Respondent Nos.5 and 6 – ZP, Solapur in WP/5456/2025.
- Mr. Ajit M. Savagave, Advocate for Respondent Nos.5 and 6 in WP/6028/2025 and for the Respondent-ZP, Palghar & CEO in WP/5456/2025.
- Mr. Shrishail Sakhare, Advocate for Respondent Nos.15 and 16 in WP/8754/2025 and for Respondent No.3 in WP/9276/2025
- Mr. C.G. Gavnekar a/w Mr. Ashutosh Gavnekar & Mr. Rohit Parab for

the respondent – Z.P. Raigad.

Appearances for the State of Maharashtra in WP/5456/2025, WP(ST)/13145/2025 with CP/412/2025, WP/5759/2025, WP/6213/2025, WP(ST)/15761/2025, WP/6028/2025, WP(ST)/15782/2025 and WP(ST)/16603/2025.

- Mr. P. P. Kakade, Additional Government Pleader with Mr. S.B. Kalel, Assistant Government Pleader for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra.
- Mr. A.I. Patel, Additional Government Pleader with Mr. Kushal Amin, 'B' Panel Counsel for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra.
- Mr. B.V. Samant, Additional Government Pleader with Mr. V.G. Badgujar, Assistant Government Pleader for the Respondent-State.
- Mr. O. A. Chandurkar, Additional Government Pleader with Mrs. G.R. Raghuvanshi, Assistant Government Pleader for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra.
- Ms. N. M. Mehra, Assistant Government Pleader for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra.
- Ms. D. S. Deshmukh, Assistant Government Pleader for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra.

Appearances for the State of Maharashtra in WP/8239/2025, WP/8753/2025, WP/8754/2025, WP/7548/2025, WP/7552/2025, WP/8946/2025, WP/8946/2025, WP/10470/2025, WP/8946/2025, WP/10470/2025, WP(ST)/24468/2025, WP/9276/2025, IA(ST)/20158/2025 in WP/5460/2025, WP/9977/2025, WP/10321/2025, WP/10432/2025, WP/10497/2025 and WP/10433/2025.

- Mr. P.P. Kakade, Additional Government Pleader with Ms. Nisha M. Mehra, Assistant Government Pleader for Respondent Nos.1 to 5 – State of Maharashtra in WP/8239/2025, WP/8753/2025 and WP/8754/2025.
- Mr. M.M. Pabale, Assistant Government Pleader for Respondent Nos.1, 2 and 4 in WP/7548/2025 and WP/7552/2025.
- Mr. A.I. Patel, Additional Government Pleader for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra in WP/8946/2025.
- Mr. A.I. Patel, Additional Government Pleader with Ms. Nisha M. Mehra, Assistant Government Pleader for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra in WP/8946/2025 and WP/10470/2025.
- Mr. A.I. Patel, Additional Government Pleader with Ms. V.R. Raje, Assistant Government Pleader for Respondent Nos.1 to 3-State of Maharashtra in WP/8946/2025, WP/10470/2025 and WP(ST)/24468/2025.
- Ms. P.N. Diwan, Assistant Government Pleader for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra in WP/9276/2025, IA(ST)/20158/2025 in WP/5460/2025.

- Mr. Sachit Bhogale, 'B' Panel Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 to 5 in WP/9977/2025.
- Mr. A.K. Naik, Assistant Government Pleader for Respondent Nos.2 and 3 – State of Maharashtra in WP/10321/2025; for Respondent Nos.1, 2 and 4 in WP/10432/2025; for the Respondents in WP/10497/2025.
- Mr. S.B. Kalel, Assistant Government Pleader for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra in WP/10433/2025.

**O.O.C.J. WRIT PETITION (LODGING) NO. 17362 of 2025**

- Mr. Swanand Ganoo, Advocate, i/by Desai Desai Carimjee & Mulla, for the Petitioner.
- Ms. Manisha Gawale, Assistant Government Pleader for Respondents Nos. 1 to 4-State of Maharashtra.

**Appearance of the Officers of School Education & Sports Department, State of Maharashtra**

- Mr. Abasaheb Kawale, Deputy Secretary, is present.
- Mr. Vishal Lohar, Desk Officer is present.
- Mr. Kunal Sarpate, Desk Officer is present.
- Mr. Dipak Patil, Superintendent, Pune is present.
- Mr. Amol Pawar, Superintendent, Pune is present.
- Mr. Pravin Gaikwad, Superintendent, Pune is present.

**CORAM : SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR &  
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ**

**DATE : 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025.**

**P.C. :**

Mr. O. A. Chandurkar, the learned Additional Government Pleader has concluded his arguments.

2. The learned counsels appearing for different Zilla Parishads adopted the arguments made by the learned Additional Government Pleader.

3. For rejoinder by the petitioners, post the matter on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at 4.00 PM.

**[MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.]**

**[SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, J.]**