

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 12382 OF 2025

The State of Maharashtra
Through Additional Chief Secretary,
Mantralaya, Mumbai

...Petitioner

Versus

Pralhad Shankar Rode and Ors.

...Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (ST.) NO.31867 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.12382 OF 2025
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.12501 OF 2025
AND
WRIT PETITION NO.12502 OF 2025

Dr. Birendra B. Saraf, AG, a/w. Mrs. Pooja Patil, AGP for the
Petitioner–State.

Mr. R.R. Shetty, Senior Counsel i/b. Mr. Sachin A. Ambulkar,
advocate for Respondent Nos.1 to 10.

Mr. Sandeep S. Dere i/b. Ms. Arati Patil, advocate for Respondent
Nos.11 to 15.

Ms. Sonali Pawar, advocate for Respondent Nos. 16 to 19.

Mr. Laxman Deshmukh, advocate for Respondent Nos. 20 to 21.

**CORAM: SUMAN SHYAM &
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ.**

DATED: 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025.

PC:-

1. Heard Dr. Birendra Saraf, learned Advocate General for
Respondent–State of Maharashtra assisted by Ms. Pooja Patil. Also

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heard Mr. R.R. Shetty, the learned Senior Counsel assisted by Mr. Sachin Ambulkar, learned Counsel for Respondent Nos. 1 to 10 and Mr. Sandeep Dere, learned counsel for Respondent Nos.11 to 15. With the consent of both the sides, this Writ Petition is taken up for final hearing and disposal at the stage of admission hearing.

2. Arguments concluded. Judgment reserved.

3. In view of the urgency expressed in the matter by the learned Advocate General by referring to the deadline of 30th September, 2025 set by the UPSC for forwarding the names of suitable candidates of non SCS category officers for nomination to the IAS Cadre, as an interim measure, it is hereby provided that the State may proceed with the process of shortlisting of eligible candidates and forward the names of selected candidates to the UPSC by following the mandate of the Government Resolution dated 24th July, 2025, which process would, however, be subject to the outcome of this Writ Petition.

(MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.)

(SUMAN SHYAM, J.)