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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CONTEMPT PETITION NO.280 OF 2025

The Sudhagad Education Society
Through The Chairman Secretary .. Petitioner

vs.

State of Maharashtra
Through the Principal Secretary,
Department of School Education & Anr. .. Respondents

WITH
CONTEMPT PETITION NO.281 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.16056 OF 2023
WITH
CONTEMPT PETITION NO.282 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.16023 OF 2023
WITH
CONTEMPT PETITION NO.283 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.16053 OF 2023
WITH
CONTEMPT PETITION NO.284 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.16047 OF 2023
WITH
CONTEMPT PETITION NO.285 OF 2025

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WRIT PETITION NO.16032 OF 2023

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CONTEMPT PETITION NO.319 OF 2025

IN

WRIT PETITION NO.16045 OF 2023

WITH

CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 320 OF 2025

IN

WRIT PETITION NO.16008 OF 2023

Mr. Anand S Patil, for Petitioners.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Additional GP a/w Ms. P.N. Diwan, AGP for the State in CP No.280 of 2025.

Ms. Priyanka Chavan, AGP for the State in CP No.281 of 2025.

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CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, JJ

DATE : 14th JULY, 2025.

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1. All these Petitions are filed under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. In all these Petitions, the Education Society, the School and the affected persons are the Petitioners. Respondent No.2, Shri Maharudra Nale is the Education Officer Secondary, Raigad Zilla Parishad at Alibaug.

2. The common grievance of the Petitioners is that by identical orders passed by various Writ Benches in various Writ Petitions, the deficiencies pointed out by the Education Authorities were a cause for rejection of the proposals without giving the Management an opportunity to cure the deficiencies. Hence, this Court directed the Management to submit their revised proposals and the Education Officer was directed to decide the proposals within 8 weeks from the date of receipt. This has not been done for the past almost 13 to 14 months, excluding the period granted for passing orders on such proposals.

3. The learned AGPs appearing in all these matters had sought a pass over in the First Session for taking instructions. In the Post Lunch Session, the learned AGPs submit that since the proposals

were forwarded to the Deputy Director of Education, the files were not returned to the Education Officer within time. Now it is assured, while tendering an unconditional oral apology, that all these proposals in which the Managements have tendered their revised proposals after removing the objections, would be decided within 60 days.

4. The learned Advocate for the Petitioners is right in contending that such statement be recorded and if any of the Petitioners is required to once again file a second Contempt Petition, the conduct of the Education Officer be treated as aggravated contempt.

5. In view of the above, **all these Petitions are disposed off,** keeping in view that notice under the Contempt of Courts Act was yet not issued to the Respondent. However, the Respondent Mr. Nale shall keep in mind that this is an opportunity being granted to him to rectify his conduct and learn to obey the orders of every Court at all levels. He would decide the proposals by passing reasoned orders within 60 days from today. If there is an occasion for any Petitioner to file a Contempt Petition once again, the conduct of Mr. Nale would be treated as aggravated contempt.

(GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J) **(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)**