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

WRIT PETITION NO.5317 OF 2024

Urmila Bhimji Maru }
Aged 59 years, working as Head of }
Chemistry Department & Associate }
Professor in the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's }
Hazarimal Somani College of Arts }
& Science and Jayaramdas Patel College }
of Commerce & Management Studies }
Chowpatty, Mumbai 400007 and residing }
At B-1/6, Ajinkya Tara C.H.S., C.S.T. Road, }
Chember, Mumbai-400071. }.. **Petitioners**

Versus

1. State of Maharashtra }
Through the Secretary, }
Department of Education, }
Government of Maharashtra, }
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400021 }
2. The University of Mumbai }
M. G. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400001 }
3. The Chairman Governing Body }
Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan's }
Hazarimal Somani College of Arts }
& Science and Jayaramdas Patel }
College of Commerce & Management }
Studies, Chowpatty, }
Mumbai 400007. }
4. The Principal }
Bhavan's Hazarimal Somani College }
of Arts & Science and Jayaramdas }
Patel College of Commerce & }
Management Studies, Chowpatty, }
Mumbai 400007 }
5. The Grievance Redressal Committee }
University of Mumbai, }
Grievance Cell, Room No.203, }
2nd Floor, Fort Campus, }
M. G. Road, Mumbai-400032. } ..

Respondents

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Mr. Ramesh Ramamurthy with Mr. Saikumar Ramamurthy, Ms. Seema Sorte, Advocates for the Petitioners.

Ms. Jaymala Ostwal, Additional Government Pleader for the Respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Ranvir Shekhawat, Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 2 and 5.

Mr. Ravindranath Shetty, Senior Counsel with Huzefa Khokhawala with Mr. Karan Parmar, Ms. Divya Shetty i/by M/s. Nankani & Associates, Advocates for the Respondent Nos.3 and 4.

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

DATE : 24TH JULY 2025.

P.C. :

This writ petition is confined to prayer clause (b) in paragraph 55 which reads as under:

“(b) That this Hon'ble Court be pleased to hold and declare that the inaction on the part of the College Management to reinstate the Petitioner in service despite quashing of the suspension order dated 4/4/2024 by the Grievance Redressal Committee of the University of Mumbai vide judgment dated 3/9/2024 is illegal high handed and arbitrary.”

2. In view of decision rendered in Writ Petition No.124 of 2025, this writ petition is allowed.

3. The respondent no.4 who is the Principal of Bhavan's Hazarimal Somani College of Arts & Science and Jayaramdas Patel College of Commerce & Management Studies, Chowpatty, Mumbai

shall permit the petitioner to discharge her duty and the respondent nos.1 and 2 shall ensure that salary and other service-linked benefits are paid to the petitioner, if already not paid, from 3rd September 2024, that is the date of the order passed by the Grievance Redressal Committee.

[MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.] [SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, J.]