IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

43 WRIT PETITION NO. 13306 OF 2026

Diraj Sanjay Chaudhari And Another
….Petitioners

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Thr Its Secretary And Others
…..Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO.13749/2026
WRIT PETITION NO.13468/2026

Ms. Ashwini S. Khairnar & Mr. Manoj R. Suryawanshi h/f Mr. K. U. Chaudhari, Advocate for the Petitioners
Mr. B. B. Bhise, AGP for the Respondents – State in wp/13306/26
Mr. J. P. Reddy, AGP for the Respondents-State in wp/13749/26
Mr. V. P. Dama, AGP for the respondents-State in wp/13468/26

CORAM : NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI &
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J. J.

DATE : 06th OCTOBER, 2026

PER COURT :

1. By these Writ Petitions the Petitioners seek directions to the Respondents authorities to give benefits of Eksthar (one step pay-scale) since they are working in the Tribal and PESA areas, in terms of Government Resolution date 29.02.2024.

2. Learned Advocate for the Petitioners submits that in similarly circumstanced Petitioners cases coordinate Bench of this Court in Writ Petition No.248/2026 and connected matters, by order dated 20.04.2026, has allowed the Writ Petitions.

3. Perusal of the said decision shows that the issue raised in these Petitions is squarely covered by the said order.

4. Since the Petitioners are similarly circumstanced like that of the Petitioners in the said order, the Petitions deserve to be allowed by giving same directions.

5. For the reasons stated in the said order, Writ Petitions are allowed in the following terms :

I. Respondent/Education Officer (Secondary), Zilla Parishad, shall scrutinize the records of these Petitioners and the places at which they are deployed for performing their duties, within a period of 30 days from today considering the Government Resolution dated 29.02.2024.

II. The cases which have no legal impediment after verification, shall be cleared by the concerned Respondent and the salary benefits to which the Petitioners are entitled to, in the light of the one step pay-scale made available to the employees working in the Tribal and PESA areas, shall be paid to them along with arrears as well as their current salary, within a period of 30 days, thereafter.

III. After scrutiny, if the Petitioners, on the basis of their record, are found to be ineligible, the concerned Respondent, would issue notice to the Petitioners, so as to enable them to appear before the said authority and address it.

IV. After such hearing, which shall be completed within 120 days, the concerned Respondent shall pass an appropriate order and grant benefits of one-step pay-scale to those candidates, who are found to be eligible.

[ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J. ] [NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.]

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