IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 13717 OF 2026

SAREMA TABASSUM URDU HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH
THE HEADMASTER AND ANOTHER
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH
ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. Chaitanya V. Dharurkar
AGP for respondent/State : Mr. V.M. Kagne
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AND

WRIT PETITION NO. 14193 OF 2026 (NOB)

MUKTAI VIDYA PRATISHTHAN THROUGH
ITS SECRETARY AND ANOTHER
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH
ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

...
Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. Chandrakant K. Shinde
AGP for respondent/State : Mr. N.D. Batule
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AND

WRIT PETITION NO. 14195 OF 2026 (NOB)

VASTAD LAHUJI SALVE NAVAYUVAK VIYAM SHALA VA KIRDA
MANDAL THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND ANOTHER
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH
ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS

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Advocate for the Petitioners : Mr. Chandrakant K. Shinde
AGP for respondent/State : Ms. Neha B. Kamble
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CORAM : NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.

DATE : 12.10.2026

PER COURT:

1. Challenge raised in these Petitions is to the Government Resolutions dated 1st April, 2026 and 2nd April, 2026, whereby the State Government has taken a decision to disqualify the Petitioner-institutions from receiving grant in aid on the ground that they repeatedly failed to comply with the norms prescribed to receive grant in aid from the State Government.

2. The issue raised in all these Writ Petitions is no more *res integra*, as the same is decided on merits by this Court (Coram : Madhav S. Jamdar and Pravin S. Patil, JJ.) at Circuit Bench, Kolhapur in Writ Petition No.1932 of 2026 and connected Writ Petitions, by a detailed order passed on 29th April, 2026. The said order is followed by the same Bench in Writ Petition No.1971 of 2026 and connected matters, which were decided on 8th May, 2026.

3. For the reasons recorded in the order dated 29th April, 2026, these Writ Petitions are allowed in the following terms:

I. It is hereby declared that the action taken under the

impugned Government Resolutions dated 1st April, 2026 and 2nd April, 2026, of closing down the primary, secondary and higher secondary schools, without granting them opportunity of hearing, is in violation of the principles of natural justice. Hence, both these Government Resolutions are held to be not applicable to the extent of the Petitioners.

II. The Government is hereby directed to delete the names of the Petitioner-institutions from the list of schools, which is published along with the Government Resolutions dated 1st April, 2026 and 2nd April, 2026.

III. Needless to mention that the Petitioners would continue their respective schools and no action as contemplated under the Government Resolutions dated 1st April, 2026 and 2nd April, 2026 be initiated against them.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.) (NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.)

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