

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 12819 OF 2025

Digambar Shivaji Puribuva.

...Petitioner.

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Others.

...Respondents.

*Utkarsh Desai i/b Prashant Bhavake for the Petitioner.
Mr. S. D. Rairikar, AGP for the Respondent-State.*

**Coram : R. G. Avachat &
Ajit B. Kadethankar, JJ.**

Date : January 21, 2026.

P. C. :

1. The Petitioner is aggrieved by the order dated 12th September 2023 passed by Education Officer, Zilla Parishad, Kolhapur whereby the proposal for grant of approval to the appointment of petitioner has been rejected.
2. Mr. Utkarsh Desai, learned Counsel for the Petitioner submits that had the authority given an opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner and school management, they would have been able to convince the authority and to explain the queries. In view of this, order dated 12th September 2023 passed by the Education Officer, be treated as show cause notice to the Petitioner and management. The Petitioner as well as management (Respondent Nos.6 and 7) shall

appear before the Education Officer, Zilla Parishad, Kolhapur on 9th February 2026. The Education Officer to hear the parties and decide the subject matter proposal by giving an opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner and the school management, on its own merits.

3. Since the proposal itself was forwarded by Respondent Nos.6 and 7, i.e., the school management, we are disposing of this petition with directions, as are given above.

4. The Petitioner and management are at liberty to place the case-laws before the Education Officer to support their claim. The Education Officer shall consider the case laws and then only decide the proposal.

5. Petition is disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

[Ajit B. Kadethankar, J.]

[R. G. Avachat, J.]