

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 12820 OF 2025

Anuradha Sandeep Sutar.

...Petitioner.

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Others.

...Respondents.

Mr. P. S. Bhavake for the Petitioner.

Mr. Siddheshwar B. Kalel, AGP for the Respondent-State.

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

Date : January 21, 2026.

P. C. :

1. Petitioner is aggrieved by the order dated 21st January 2025 passed by the Education Officer (Secondary) Zilla Parishad, Sangli whereby proposal dated 16th January 2025 in respect of Petitioner's appointment is turned down by the Education Officer.

2. It appears that there are two predominant objections raised by the Education Officer. Firstly, the Petitioner was appointed on 15th June 2016, however, proposal was filed after 9 years. Secondly, the Education Officer has recorded that after the issuance of Government Resolution dated 23rd June 2017, appointments are to be made through Pavitra Portal. We cannot fathom the logic applied by Education Officer on this objection for the reason that admittedly, the

Petitioner's appointment is dated 15th June 2016, ie., much prior to the introduction of Pavitra Portal by Government Resolution dated 23rd June 2017. In view of this, we do not find that the objection at serial no.3 in the impugned order is sustainable. Hence, that objection is overruled. Likewise, the objection no.5 does not sustain as the Government Resolution dated 10th June 2022 is obviously much after the date of Petitioner's appointment.

3. Considering the delay of 9 years in filing the proposal, we deem it appropriate to relegate the Petitioner and school management to the Education Officer to explain the delay and convince the authority on delay.

4. In view of the above, writ petition is disposed of with directions to the Education Officer, Sangli to give opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner and school management on the point of delay in filing the proposal. The Education Officer shall pass appropriate orders on the said proposal, on its own merits after giving an opportunity of hearing to the parties, within a period of 12 weeks from today.

5. Writ petition stands disposed of.

[Ajit B. Kadethankar, J.]

[R. G. Avachat, J.]