

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 2169 OF 2026

M/s Sanjeevan Vidyalaya Trust	...Petitioner
Versus	
The Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner	...Respondent

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 2171 OF 2026

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*Adv. M. S. Topkar a/w Adv. Bhargavi Patil, Adv. Neev Patil, for
Petitioner.*
Adv. Smits Thakur (through V.C.), For Respondent.
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CORAM : SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.

DATE : 17th JUNE, 2026.

P.C. :

Heard.

2. These petitions are preferred against the imposition of interest under Section 7Q of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. The petitioner is called upon to pay Rs.6,49,845/-

and Rs.34,81,831/- towards interest for belated remittance of the contributions.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions of his client, makes a statement that he is ready to pay the amount interest in both the matters. He prays for time and installments.

4. In Writ Petition No.2171 of 2026 the amount of tune of Rs.6,49,845/- shall be deposited by the petitioner within a period of four weeks from today. The Petitioner undertakes to make the payment within the said period. No coercive action shall be taken against the petitioner, provided such undertaking is furnished to the respondent.

5. In Writ Petition No.2169 of 2026, the petitioner shall approach the respondent authorities regarding installments for the payment of the interest amount by making an appropriate application. The respondents shall consider the application and fix the installments so as to facilitate the remittance of the amount.

6. The petitioner shall strictly abide by the installments to be fixed by the respondents. The petitioner shall furnish the undertaking to that effect to the respondent. No coercive action shall be taken against the petitioner, if the undertaking is furnished.

[SHAILESH P. BRAHME]