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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

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WRIT PETITION NO.13109 OF 2026

Adarsh International School & Jr. College ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.13110 OF 2026

Progressive English Medium School ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.13111 OF 2026

Matoshree Education Society's Matoshree English Medium School and Jr. College, Odha ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.13112 OF 2026

Kidz Academy ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.13114 OF 2026

Bright English Medium School ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.13115 OF 2026

ERA International School ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.13116 OF 2026

Silver Bells English Medium School ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.13118 OF 2026

Dhanlakshmi Balvidyamandir and Primary School ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.13119 OF 2026

Progressive English Medium School ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

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CORAM : R.I. CHAGLA AND
FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, JJ.
DATE : 8TH OCTOBER, 2026.

O R D E R:

1. Rule. Rule made returnable forthwith. Heard finally by consent of the parties.

2. By these present Writ Petitions, the Petitioner - Schools have sought for reimbursement of fees of their students admitted under the 25% quota in terms of the provisions of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 ("**RTE Act**").

3. Heard the learned Counsel appearing for the parties. We have perused the prior orders passed by this Court, including the order dated 5th August 2026 in **Sanskar Primary and High School**

Pune Vs. The State of Maharashtra and Ors.[1], where similar relief had been sought and directions have been issued by this Court. Accordingly, in the present Writ Petition, we pass the following order.:-

i. Notwithstanding the Petitioner - Schools having submitted its representations to Respondent Nos.6 & 7 - Zilla Parishad, Nashik, together with the statement of actual dues for which reimbursement has been sought, the Petitioner – Schools shall address a fresh communication in the prescribed format annexing the supporting documents, which are relied upon for claiming reimbursement of their dues within a period of one week from today i.e., on or before 15th October 2026 to Respondent Nos.6 & 7 - Zilla Parishad, Nashik.

ii. Respondent Nos.6 & 7 - Zilla Parishad, Nashik shall upon receipt of such communication, within a period of one week therefrom i.e., on or before 22nd October 2026 call upon the Petitioner – Schools to comply with

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the remaining requisitions, if any. This shall be complied with by the Petitioner – Schools within a period of one week thereafter i.e., on or before 29th October 2026.

iii. Respondent Nos.6 & 7 - Zilla Parishad, Nashik shall then forward their recommendations to Respondent Nos. 1 to 5 – State on the Petitioner – Schools proposal within a period of two weeks therefrom i.e., on or before 12th November 2026.

iv. Respondent Nos. 1 to 5 – State shall upon receipt of the recommendations of Respondent Nos.6 & 7 - Zilla Parishad, Nashik determine the eligibility as well as the quantum of reimbursement due and payable, within a period of seven weeks thereafter i.e., on or before 31st December 2026.

v. The admissible amount shall thereafter be released by Respondent Nos.1 to 5 – State to Respondent Nos. 6 & 7 - Zilla Parishad, Nashik within a period of

two weeks from such determination i.e., on or before 14th January 2027.

vi. Respondent Nos.6 & 7 - Zilla Parishad, Nashik in turn, shall release such amount to the Petitioner – Schools within a period of one week from the receipt of the said amount i.e., on or before 21st January 2027.

vii. In the event the Petitioner – Schools are held to be not entitled for any amount of reimbursement, a reasoned order to that effect shall be passed and the Petitioner – Schools shall then be at liberty to seek redressal of its grievances, if any, in accordance with law.

Viii. The aforesaid timelines have been prescribed after taking into account the submissions made by the Respondents and the period sought by them for such compliance. Accordingly, the timelines shall be strictly followed.

ix. The present Writ Petition is disposed of in terms of the aforesaid order. There shall be no order as to costs.

4. Place the present Writ Petition on 21st January 2027 under the caption “For Compliance”. If by then, the directions given in this order have not been complied with, the concerned Officers of Respondent Nos. 1 to 5 – State and Respondent Nos.6 & 7 - Zilla Parishad, Nashik, respectively, shall remain present in Court to explain the reason for such non-compliance on their part.

[FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.] **[R.I. CHAGLA J.]**