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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CIVIL WRIT PETITION NO. 104 OF 2026**

1. Matoshri Shantabai Govindrao Sonawane
English Medium School, andarsul
Through its Principal, Altaf Khan
an Adult, Aged 48 years, Indian Inhabitant,
having its Address at Andarsul,
Tal. Yeola, District Nashik.
2. Saieegreen English Medium School,
Nagarsul, Through its Head Master,
Jadhav Sapna @ Sapna Paithankar
An Adult, Age : 35 years, Indian Inhabitant,
Dhamode Road Nagarsul, Yeola, Nashik
- 3 Bankar Patil Public School, Angangaon
Through Its Principal
Pankaj Chandrakant Nikam
An Adult, Age:39 years, Indian Inhabitant,
Yeola-Nashik Highway, Angangaon,
Tal. Yeola, District Nashik.
- 4 Shree Sainath English Medium School,
Through Its Principal
Yogesh Bapu Somwanshi
An Adult, Age:36 years, Indian Inhabitant,
Dhulgaon, Tal. Yeola, District Nashik.
- 5 Arya Niketan English Medium School,
Paregaon, Yeola, Nashik
Through Its Principal
Hrushikesh Kushal Gaikwad
An Adult, Age :26 years, Indian Inhabitant,
Paregaon, Tal. Yeola, District Nashik. ... Petitioners

Versus

1. The State of Maharashtra
Primary Education Department,
4th Floor, Mantralay, Mumbai – 400032
2. The Commissioner of Education
Primary Directorate of Education,
Central Building, Dr. Annie Besant Road,
Pune 411001
3. The Director of Education
Primary Directorate of Education,
Central Building, Dr. Annie Besant Road,
Pune 411001
4. The Regional Dy. Director Education
Nashik Region, Nashik
Government Colony, Nashik – 422214
5. Chief Executive Officer,
Zilla Parishad, Nashik
Administrative Building, Nashik – 422001
6. The Education Officer (Primary)
Zilla Parishad, Nashik
Administrative Building, Nashik – 422001

Mr. Shrinath Badade a/w Mr. Rayyan Shah i/b. Mr. Vaibhav Kadam
for the Petitioners.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. GP a/w Ms. Priyanka Chavan, AGP for
Respondent Nos.1 to 4 - State.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
ABHAY J. MANTRI, JJ.**

DATE : 12th JANUARY, 2026

ORAL JUDGMENT (PER : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

1. Rule. Rule made returnable forthwith and heard finally with the consent of the Parties.

2. The sole request made in this Writ Petition is for a direction to release the amount of arrears which the Petitioners claim towards entitlement grants under the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

3. Our attention is invited to earlier orders passed in the Writ Petitions seeking similar relief. Thus, following the order passed in Writ Petition No.6020 of 2024 (*Gurukul English Medium School Vs. The State of Maharashtra and Ors.*), dated 2nd May 2024, the following directions are issued :-

- (i) Time of eight weeks is granted to the Respondents/State of Maharashtra to scrutinize the case of each Petitioner.
- (ii) The eligibility as well as quantum of reimbursement, would be determined by the concerned Respondent.
- (iii) The admissible amount of reimbursement to such Petitioner, be released within a period of two weeks thereafter.
- (iv) If any Petitioner is not entitled for any amount of

reimbursement, a reasoned order to that effect be passed and such Petitioner would be at liberty to seek redressal of his grievance, in accordance with law.

4. This **Writ Petition is disposed off** in the above terms.
Rule is discharged.

(ABHAY J. MANTRI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)