

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

(54) WRIT PETITION NO.922 OF 2026

Bhagyashri Dilip GolandePetitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Ors.Respondents

AND

(55) WRIT PETITION NO.925 OF 2026

Sheetal Madhukar DhaybarPetitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Ors.Respondents

Mr. Amol Ghurde i/b. Mr. Pramod Kathane for the Petitioner in both Petitions.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. GP a/w. Mr. M.M. Pabale, AGP for the Respondent – State in WP/922/2026.

Mrs. P.M. Joshi-Deshpande, AGP for the Respondent – State in WP/925/2026.

CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE

&

ABHAY J. MANTRI, JJ.

DATE : 4th MARCH, 2026

P.C. :-

1. In both these Petitions, the proposals dated 28th December, 2023 seeking approval are said to be pending with Respondent No.2.

2. The learned Addl. GP and AGP submit that the said Authority will have to consider the directions issued and the law

laid down in *Ratna Ramesh Salunke and Ors. v/s. The State of Maharashtra and Ors.*¹ It is submitted that the procedure laid down in *Ratna Ramesh Salunke* (supra) would be followed and the authorities would require at least 90 days' time to decide the proposals.

3. In view of the above, **both these Petitions are disposed off** with a direction to Respondent No.2 to consider the pending proposals strictly in accordance with the procedure laid down in law. If the issue of Pavitra Portal is involved in any of these matters, the directions set out in *Ratna Ramesh Salunke* (supra) shall be followed and the Management would be called upon to participate in the hearing by filing affidavits pertaining to each of these cases. All grounds are kept open to be considered.

4. We would expect Respondent No.2 to arrive at a reasoned decision in both these cases, within a period of 90 days from today. If the Authority finds itself short of time, liberty is granted to move an Interim Application seeking extension of time.

(ABHAY J. MANTRI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

¹ Judgment dated 16th October, 2025 in Writ Petition No.6949 of 2025 and connected matters.