

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 3692 OF 2026

Dadaso Shankar Jagtap & Anr.Petitioners

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.Respondents

Mr. Suresh Pakale (Senior Advocate) a/w Mr. Nilesh Desai i/b. Ms. Padmaja Malgaonkar, for Petitioners.

Mr. S. V. Gavand a/w. Mr. P. H. Gaikwad, for Zilla Parishad Pune/Respondents.

Mr. P. P. Kakade, Addl. GP a/w. Ms. P. N. Diwan, AGP for the State.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, JJ.
DATE : 17th APRIL, 2026**

P.C. :-

1. By consent of the parties, we are passing a short order in view of the admitted position.

2. The learned Advocate for the Zilla Parishad has prepared a ready reference chart (6 pages), indicating minute details of each of these Petitioners. We appreciate the efforts taken by the learned Advocate, Mr. Gavand, and the said compilation is taken on record and marked as 'X' collectively, for identification.

3. Mr. Nagnath Jagannath Jadhav was born on 01.05.1975. He is not 53 years of age and, therefore, cannot claim, as a matter of right, that he should not be deployed in a difficult area. His claim, therefore, stands rejected.

4. The other six Petitioners, namely Mr. Dadaso Shankar Jagtap, Mr. Balasaheb Biraji Kolape, Mr. Hanumant Gulabrao Malshikhare, Mr. Mahavir Uddhav Devade, Mr. Atul Rajram Jaunjal, and Mr. Jayant Shankar Bhosale, are admittedly above 53 years of age. According to the Government Resolution dated 18.06.2024, these Petitioners are covered and cannot be deployed in difficult areas, save and except, if any of them makes a request for such deployment, or where the male spouse is working in a difficult area and the wife desires to join him.

5. As such, by consent, **this Petition is partly allowed** to the extent of these six Petitioners.

6. They shall file fresh physical applications within 15 days from today, on or before 30th April 2026, just in case, if the portal is non-functional. In the event these six Petitioners are

required to make online applications on the portal, provided the portal is functional, such applications shall be made between 1st May, 2026 to 5th May, 2026. In which case, their physical applications can be discarded.

7. The learned Advocate for the Respondents submits that such applications shall be positively considered and that these Petitioners would be deployed in a simple area, as far as it is practicable and feasible.

8. With the above statement, **this Petition is disposed off.**

(HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.) (RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)