

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 3693 OF 2026

Santosh Manik Shinde & 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. N. M. Mehra, AGP for the State.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, JJ.**

DATE : 17th APRIL, 2026

P.C. :-

1. Heard the submissions of the learned Advocate for the Petitioners, the learned Additional GP/AGPs, and the learned Advocate for the Pune Zilla Parishad. Both these Petitioners, who joined service on 28.07.1997 and are aged 48 and 49 years respectively, have been working in simple areas for the last 28 years. They are now being transferred to a difficult area.

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. Purely on the basis of these facts, and since there is no other facet to be taken into consideration, we do not find that the impugned orders can be faulted. The Petitioners, who are teaching students admitted in Zilla Parishad schools, must also contribute to the development of the State by serving in difficult areas. After attaining the age of 53 years, they would naturally not be posted in difficult areas. As such, a stint in a difficult area, before they turn 53 years, is just, fair, and proper.

4. In view of the above, **this Petition is disposed off.**

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