

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.2415 OF 2026  
IN  
WRIT PETITION NO.17518 OF 2025**

Persons with Disabilities  
Welfare Department ....Applicant

**IN THE MATTER BETWEEN:**

Lions Club Deaf and Dumb  
School Trust Malegaon & Ors. ....Petitioner

***Versus***

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ....Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO.17523 OF 2025  
WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO.17521 OF 2025  
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WRIT PETITION NO.17522 OF 2025  
WITH  
CONTEMPT PETITION NO.128 OF 2026  
IN  
WRIT PETITION NO.17522 OF 2025  
WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO.17525 OF 2025  
WITH  
CONTEMPT PETITION NO.125 OF 2026  
IN  
WRIT PETITION NO.17525 OF 2025  
WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO.17527 OF 2025**

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Dr. U.P. Warunjikar a/w. Mr. Sumit Kate and Mr. Hrishikesh Nabar  
for the Petitioners in the Writ Petition.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. GP a/w. Ms. Priyanka Chavan, AGP for the Applicant in the Interim Application and for the Respondent – State in the Writ Petition.

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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE  
&  
ASHWIN D. BHOBE, JJ.**

**DATE : 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**P.C. :-**

1. We have considered the extensive submissions of the learned Addl. GP and the learned Advocate for the original Petitioners, and have perused our order dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2025, passed in Writ Petition No.17518 of 2025 and the group of Petitions (*Lions Club Deaf and Dumb School Trust and Ors. v/s. The State of Maharashtra and Ors.*).

2. The minimum that we had expected, and for which we had issued a direction, was that the regular monthly salaries of the teachers working in special schools should be paid for the month of December, 2025, payable in January, 2026 and onwards. Today, we are on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. Salaries of several teachers have not been paid. By this Interim Application, an extension of six months is sought.

3. The learned Advocate Dr. Warunjikar submits that these teachers are without salaries for more than one year. They earn meager salaries. They hardly have any reserves or savings. Having been without salary for a year, the time has come for these teachers to beg.

4. We do not require any discussions for assessing the plight of these teachers. The Government must spend more time on such matters and ensure that the directions issued by the Court are complied with on priority. As it is, we have been liberal in granting time to the Government to pay their arrears in 180 days, i.e., upto 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2026. Non-payment of salary would make it difficult for these teachers and their families to keep their mind, body and soul together.

5. As it is, our direction that the salaries should be paid in January, 2026 has been disobeyed for three months. We do not find that the exercise to enter the names of the teachers in the Sevaarth ID, is so difficult that their salaries are not paid until March, 2026.

6. As such, by way of a last chance and with a caution that we would not extend the time by even one day, we direct that the

teachers who are yet to be paid their salaries, shall be paid their salaries for the month of April, 2026 in the first week of May, 2026, and all arrears, including January, February and March, 2026, shall be paid, as directed earlier by this Court, on or before 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2026.

7. With the above directions, **this Interim Application is disposed off.**

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)