



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO. 3756 OF 2026

Smt. Kalpana Navnath Badode

Vs.

Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), New Delhi & Ors.

*Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
Appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders.*

Court's or Judge's order

Mr. Anand Kumar, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Kartik Shukul, DSGI for Respondent Nos.1 to 3.

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR AND RAJ D. WAKODE, JJ.

DATE : 08.06.2026

Heard Mr. Anand Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Mr. Kartik Shukul, learned DSGI for respondent Nos.1 to 3.

2. The petitioner seeks challenge to the judgment dated 15th October, 2025 passed by the learned Central Administrative Tribunal, Mumbai Bench, Camp at Nagpur, in O.A. No. 1119 of 2024, as well as the order dated 28th March, 2026 passed by the said Tribunal in Review Application No. 631 of 2026.

3. The petitioner, who is a Central Government employee, had applied for grant of House Rent Allowance (HRA) for the period from 15th August, 2018 to 31st October, 2018. She had also sought reimbursement of guest room charges incurred during the period from 24th August, 2018 to 9th October, 2018, amounting to Rs.3,525/-.

4. The aforesaid claim of the petitioner was considered by the respondents in the light of the Office Memorandum dated 30th December, 2022 issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure on the relevant subject i.e. the grant of HRA to Central Government employees.

5. A perusal of the said Office Memorandum, and more particularly paragraph 5.5 thereof, indicates the criteria for grant of HRA. The first condition prescribed therein is that the concerned employee must have applied for residential accommodation to which he or she is entitled. In the event such an application is made and residential accommodation is not allotted by the Government, the employee becomes entitled to receive HRA in accordance with the applicable rules.

6. The petitioner had earlier challenged the judgment dated 15th October, 2025 before this Court by filing Writ Petition No. 1066 of 2026. On the statement made on behalf of the petitioner that she had, in fact, applied for allotment of residential accommodation, this Court granted liberty to the petitioner to approach the learned Tribunal by filing a review application. Accordingly, the said writ petition came to be disposed of by order dated 18th February, 2026.

7. Pursuant to the liberty granted by this Court, the petitioner approached the learned Tribunal and filed Review Application No. 631 of 2026. The said review application came to be rejected by the learned Tribunal by its order dated

28th March 2026. The aforesaid order is at record page No. 25 (Annexure-P2).

8. While rejecting the review application, the learned Tribunal assigned the following reasons:

“The document regarding allotment of the Government Quarters has not been produced even in the review application. As per the Rules, no Government Quarter is allotted to any employee unless he/she applies for the same. The review applicant has failed to point out about any document which pertains to her application for the allotment of the Government Quarter. There is a difference between the Guest House and the Government Quarter. The Guest House cannot be treated as Government Quarter.”

9. The fact remains that the petitioner could not satisfy even this Court regarding the application made by the petitioner for grant of allotment of a Government Quarter. In view of the aforesaid essential condition not being fulfilled by the petitioner for grant of HRA, the present petition challenging the orders passed by the learned Tribunal is without any merit and is accordingly **dismissed**. No costs.

(RAJ D. WAKODE, J.)

(ANIL S. KILOR, J.)