



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 3821 OF 2026

Shri Sevasdas Shikshan Sanstha, Palodi thr. its President & Anr.

Vs.

State of Maharashtra & Ors.

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

Court's or Judge's order

Mr. P.R. Agrawal, Advocate for the Petitioners.

Mr. J.Y. Ghurde, AGP for Respondent Nos.1 to 3/State.

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

DATE : 05.05.2026

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners.

2. The contention is that respondent No.3, without granting an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner–Society, cancelled the minority status granted in favour of the petitioner. The aforesaid order was passed on 10th November, 2025. Being aggrieved thereby, the petitioner–Society immediately challenged the same by filing an appeal before respondent No.2 on 20th November, 2025. The aforesaid appeal is at record page No. 65 (Annexure-N).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, since the minority status of the petitioner–Society has been revoked without granting any opportunity of hearing, and the appeal is pending since 20th November, 2025, serious prejudice is being caused to the petitioner.

4. In view of the above, we dispose of the present writ petition with a direction to respondent No.2, the Appellate

Authority-cum-Secretary, Minority Development, Mantralaya, Mumbai, to decide the aforesaid appeal dated 20th November, 2025, which at record page No.65 (Annexure-N) within a period of four weeks from the date of production of this order. The decision taken thereupon shall be communicated to the petitioners within two weeks thereafter.

5. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

(RAJ D. WAKODE, J.)

(ANIL S. KILOR, J.)

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