

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

**WRIT PETITION NO. 257 of 2022  
WITH  
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.910 of 2024  
IN  
WRIT PETITION NO.257 of 2022**

Association of The Management of Un-aided  
Engineering Colleges & Ors. ...Petitioners/Applicants  
Versus  
Higher & Technical Education Department  
Through Additional Chief Secretary & Ors. ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 259 of 2022**

The Association of The Managements of Agri.  
and Agri. Allied Colleges ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Higher and Technical Education Dept. Through  
Additional Chief Secretary ...Respondents

**WITH  
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.918 OF 2024  
IN  
WRIT PETITION NO.259 OF 2022**

The Association of The Managements of Agri.  
and Agri. Allied Colleges & Ors. ...Petitioners/Applicants  
Versus  
Higher and Technical Education Dept. Through  
Additional Chief Secretary & Ors. ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 255 of 2022  
WITH  
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.16602 OF 2023**

**IN  
WRIT PETITION NO.255 OF 2022**

The Association of The Managements  
of Polytechnics ...Petitioner/Applicant  
Versus  
Higher and Technical Education Dept. Through  
Additional Chief Secretary and Ors. ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 258 of 2022**

K.k. Wagh Education Society, Hirabai Haridas  
Vidyanagari, Thr. Secretary Kallapa S. Bandi & Ors. ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Higher and Technical Education Department Thr.  
Additional Chief Secretary & Ors. ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 256 of 2022**

Shri Sairaj Shikshan Pratishthan and Anr ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Higher and Technical Education  
Department and Ors ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 3720 of 2021**

Shree Chanakya Education Society Tathawade  
Thr. Director ...Petitioner  
Versus  
State of Maharashtra and Ors ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 3722 of 2021**

Shree Chanakya Education Society Tathwade Thr.  
It Authorised Person ...Petitioner  
Versus  
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 13225 of 2023**

Association of The Managements of Un- Aided  
Engineering Colleges Thr. Chief Executive and Ors ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Higher and Technical Education Dept. Thr.  
Principal Secretary and Ors ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 2543 of 2021**

Vishwaniketan Trust and Ors ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Higher and Technical Education  
Department and Ors ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 3719 of 2021**

Shree Chanakya Education Society Through  
Its Secretary and Anr ..Petitioners  
Versus  
The State of Maharashtra Through The Special  
Assistant Department and Ors ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 12056 of 2023**

Association of The Management of Agriculture and  
Agriculture Allied Colleges and Ors ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Higher and Technical Education Dept. Thr.  
Its Principal Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra and Ors .Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 12041 of 2023**

Association of Management of Polytechnics and Ors ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Higher and Technical Education Dept. Thr. Its  
Principal Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra and Ors ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 12065 of 2023**

K. K. Wagh Education Society and Ors ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Higher and Technical Education Dept. and Ors .Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 12067 of 2023**

Association of The Managements of Un Aided  
Engineering Colleges and Ors ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Higher and Technical Education Dept. Thr  
Its Principal and Ors ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 15524 of 2022**

Association of The Management of Aided Engineering  
Colleges and Ors ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Union of India Thr Its Secretary Ministry  
of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ors ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 15527 of 2022  
WITH  
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.17834 OF 2023  
IN  
WRIT PETITION NO.15527 OF 2022**

Association of The Management of

Polytechnics & Ors. ...Petitioners/Applicants  
Versus  
Union of India Thr Its Secretary Ministry of  
Social Justice and Empowerment and Ors ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 15520 of 2022**

Association of The Managements of Agriculture  
and Agriculture Alied College and Ors ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Union of India Thr. Its Secretary Ministry  
of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ors. ...Respondents

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 15519 of 2022**

K. K. Wagh Education Society Hirabai Haridas  
Vidyanagari, Thr. Its Secretary and Ors ...Petitioners  
Versus  
Union of India Thr Its Secretary Ministry of Social  
Justice and Empowerment and Ors ...Respondents

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Petitioners in WP/257/2022, WP/258/2022, WP/13255/2023,  
WP/12065/2023, WP/12067/2023, WP/15524/2022, WP/15519/2022.

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WP/12056/2023, WP/15520/2022.

Mr. Sandeep Waghmare for Petitioners in WP/256/2022, WP/254/2021.

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**CORAM : A.S. CHANDURKAR &  
JITENDRA JAIN, JJ**

**DATE : 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024.**

**PC. :**

1. Leave is granted to the petitioners in the writ petitions where the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Union of India is not a party to implead the said Department as respondent. The impleadment be carried out forthwith. Mr. Varma, learned Standing Counsel accepts notice on behalf of the newly added respondents.

2. During the course of hearing, we find that the Principal Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department of the State Government has been appointed as a Nodal Officer for resolving the grievances as sought to be raised in these writ petitions. We deem it appropriate to direct the Nodal Officer to depute a responsible Officer who could interact with the

representatives of the petitioners with a view to streamline the manner in which the amount of grants/scholarship fees could be reimbursed. Similarly, an authorized Officer from the Social Justice and Empowerment Department of the Central Government would also require to participate in the deliberations considering the involvement of the said Department in this regard.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader assures to undertake this exercise within a period of three weeks from today..
4. Stand over to 26/03/2024 within which period the aforesaid exercise be carried out.

[ JITENDRA JAIN, J]

[A.S. CHANDURKAR, J. ]