



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 2451 OF 2026

1. **Sunil Sahebrao Patil**
Age-40, Occu. Service,
Residing at -Yashraj Nagar,
Maniri Hits F401
Badalapur West, Thane.
2. **Prakash Kashinath Mhadse**
Age-41, Occu. Service,
Residing at -At: Bandhivali,
Post: Narivali, Tal: Murbad,
Dist: Thane
3. **Vaishali Pankaj Pachpande @ Vaishali
Sadashiv Choudhari**
Age-44, Occu. Service,
Residing at -D/505
Triveni Garden,
Adharwadi, Kalyan West.
4. **Vijay Ravsaheb Lokhande**
Age-38, Occu. Service,
Residing at -Rahuri, Tal-Rahuri,
Dist. - Ahilyanagar.
5. **Santosh Ramdas Ambekar**
Age-51, Occu. Service,
Residing at- Anand Vihar App.
Flat No.213, Malhar Chauk, Station Road,
Ahilyanagar.
6. **Savita Vishwanath Sale**
Age-46, Occu. Service,
Residing at -Falt Number 5,
Near City Pride Hotel, Savedi, Ahilyanagar .
7. **Shital Navnath Pande**
Age-39, Occu. Service,
Residing at -At Gunjalwadi,
Post-Rajapur, Tal.-Sangamner,



District- Ahilyanagar.

8. **Jyoti Ashok Sangade**
Age-37, Occu. Service,
Residing at -Dholevadi, Gunjalvadi Road,
Tal. Sangamner, Dist. Ahilyanagar.
9. **Wakchaure Meenakshi Madhav**
Age- 39, Occu. Service, Sangamner.
10. **Mohammed Zubair Mohammed Yaqub**
Age-39, Occu.-Service,
R/at-Near Haqqaniya Masjid,
Madina Corner, Muzaffarnagar, Akola.
11. **Mahendra Motiram Badode**
Age-39, Occu. Service,
Residing at – At Post Jhilpi,
Taluka Dharni.
12. **Atul Madhukar Kothe**
Age-38, Occu. Service,
Kamalpushp Colony,
Walgaon Road, Revasa,
Amravati 444601.
13. **Sandhya Ganpatrao Garje**
Age-46, Occu. Service,
School-Zpps Shekapur
At Ashti Dist. - Beed 414203.
14. **Dhanraj Shrikishan Dhimdhime**
Age-43, Occu. Service,
Z. P.P. School Sangaon,
Tq. Ambajogai, Dist. Beed, 431517.
15. **Arjun Vyankati Munde**
Age-45, Occu. Service,
Residing at -Post Pahadi Pargaon,
Taluka Dharur, Dist. Beed.
16. **Bhauasaheb Rajendra Didul**
Age-38, Occu. Service,
Residing at – Post Tambarajuri,
Taluka Patoda, District Beed.



17. **Jadhav Pratiksha Vasant**
Age- 40, Occu. Service,
Residing at -Post Padali,
Taq. Shirur Kasar, Dist. Beed.
18. **Santosh Vishnu Waghchaure**
Age-38 , Occu. Service,
Residing at -Bhopa, Po. Dindrud,
Ta. Dharur, Dist. Beed.
19. **Dhaitidak Ganesh Raosaheb**
Age- 45, Occu. Service,
Residing at -At Kotharban,
Post Chinchwan, Tal. Wadwani,
Dist. Beed 431144.
20. **Manjushri Ramdas Gharde**
Age- 45, Occu. Service,
Residing at -Sai Nagar Buldhana.
21. **Sarika Avinash Ahire**
Age - 49, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Gaurav Park Buldana
22. **Pravin Bhaskar Kale**
Age - 41, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Adarsh Nagar,
Khamgaon, Dist. Buldhana.
23. **Kishor Subhash Jadhao**
Age - 43, Occu. Service,
R/at - Mehkar, Dist Buldhana.
24. **Sunil Shriram More**
Age - 47, Occu. Service,
Residing at - At Mandwa,
Po. Zotinga, Tal. Lonar,
Dist. Buldhana.
25. **Pradip Bhimrao Kankal**
Age - 42, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Mhada Colony,
Mehkar, Tq- Mehkar,



Dist. Buldhana.

26. **Sharad Ramashankar Bodane**
Age - 45, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Dnyanesh Nagar
Wadsa Road Bramhapuri,
Tq.- Bramhapuri, Dist- Chandrapur.
27. **Prakash Dharma Shisode**
Age - 40, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Flat No.Ab7
S.S.Park Sawangi Harsul,
Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar.
28. **Dnyaneshwar Sitaram Sonawane**
Age - 40, Occu. Service,
Residing at - C-13 Dwarkanagri
Bajajangar Waluj MIDC,
Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar.
29. **Athare Pallavi Pralhad**
Age -32, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Flat No 35
CIDCO Mahanagar 1 Waluj.
30. **Ashok Chhagan Tarde**
Age - 40, Occu. Service,
Residing at - A19 Happy Homes,
Near Morya Pride, Mitamita, Chhatrapati
Sambhajanagar
31. **Nayana Chandrkant Burkule**
Age - 41, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Lane No 1. House No 126.
Subhash Nagar. Vat Sakha Building.
Old Dhule.
32. **Ashavini Vitthalrao Devare**
Age - 45, Occu. Service,
Residing at - 10 B Patil Nagar
Dhule Deopur, Dist. Dhule.



33. **Avinash Janardhan Bhoware**
Age - 46, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Po. Ta. Chamorshi.
34. **Tukadya Ganpati Kosare**
Age - 51, Occu. Service,
Residing at – MIDC Road
Gramsevak Colony Navegon Complex Area,
Gadchiroli
35. **Rajendrakumar Namdeo Ade**
Age - 46, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Kannamwar Nagar,
Ward No.17, Dist. Gadchiroli.
36. **Anita Shrawan Kamdi**
Age - 37, Occu. Service,
Residing at – Gadchiroli
37. **Sachin Yashwant More**
Age - 38, Occu. Service,
Residing at - At Post Goregaon,
Taluka Sengaon, District Hingoli
38. **Ramesh Abhiman Borse**
Age - 43, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Gat No 342 Plot 38
Behind Vatikashram, Jalgaon.
39. **Priyanka Subhash Kumavat**
Age- 37, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Plot No 18
Gurudatt Chaitnya Colony, Jalgaon
40. **Devidas Kashinath Patil**
Age - 40, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Plot No 60/1. Gat No 96/1.
Adarsh Nagar, Pungaon Road Pachora,
Dist Jalgaon 424201.
41. **Rakesh Ramesh Patil**



Age - 41, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Vargavhan Po. Khardi,
Tal. Chopda, Dist. Jalgaon.

42. **Vijay Ramesh Gosavi**
Age - 48, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Gat. No. 115/1 Plot No 23
Sai Nagar, Jalgaon.
43. **Rajendra Shantaram Shinde**
Age - 50, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Narawan Wadi,
Dhekhu Sim Road, Amalner,
Tal- Amalner, Dist - Jalgaon.
44. **Gokul Ganpat Hadap**
Age - 39, Occu. Service,
R/at -Post-Deopimpri, Tal-Jamner.
45. **Devanand Yashwant Wagh**
Age - 42, Occu. Service,
R/at - Plot No. 1 Shahu Nagar Chopda,
Taluka - Chopda.
46. **Sarojana Gangadharrao Yedpalwar**
Age - 42, Occu. Service,
Z.P. Primary School Shelwada,
Center Ganj, Taluka Partur,
District Jalna
47. **Bhagwan Uttamrao Mundhe**
Age - 42, Occu. Service,
Residing at - C/O Ajit Mali
Near The Athik Hospital,
Vijaymala Nagar Laxmi Park
Jayasingpur
48. **Kiran Jibhau Mohite**
Age - 49, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Plot No 4-A,
Ramnagar Shahada,



Taluka Shahada,
District Nandurbar 425409.

49. **Gopatwad Shankar Sayanna**
Age - 40, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Post Kolheborgaon,
Tq. Biloli, Dist. Nanded.
50. **Laxman Govindrao Kondekar**
Age - 40, Occu. Service,
Residing at - At. Joshi Galli,
Ta. Deglur, Pin Code 431717.
51. **Pradeep Ramchandra Shinde**
Age - 51, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Vise Chouk
Gangapur Road, Nashik.
52. **Vaishali Madhukar Wagh**
Age - 50, Occu. Service,
R/ at - Post Taluka Chandwad,
District Nashik.
53. **Ashvini Rohidas Rajbanshi**
Age - 37, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Flat No. 205
Shree Atharv Park, Opp. RTO Office,
Behind Namco Hospital,
Peth Road Nashik.
54. **Rohidas Shankar Palavi**
Age - 40, Occu. Service,
Residing at - At Bedse,
Post Ambupada, Taluka Surgana,
District Nashik.
55. **Sandeep Bharatsing Jadhav**
Age - 47, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Plot No 8A,
Ashirwad Bunglow, Shakti Nagar,
Hirawadi, Panchavati, Nashik.



56. **Sandeep Sakharam Gite**
Age - 44, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Bramhanwade
Tal Sinnar Dist Nashik.
57. **Sanjay Shankar Gangurde**
Age - 46, Occu. Service,
Residing at - At-Post-Ganore
Tal-Kalwan, Dist. Nashik.
58. **Santosh Murlidhar Gangurde**
Age - 50, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Sai Row House C-2
Shankar Nagar Tal- Niphad,
Dist- Nashik.
59. **Sandip Manohar Pawar**
Age - 41, Occu. Service,
R/at - Swami Samarth Nagar
B/h Hotel Jatra,
Plot No.52 'Aai Nivas'
Adgaon Nashik.
60. **Chandrakala Shantaram Patil**
Age - 40, Occu. Service,
R/at - Riviera Society, Nande Road
Mahalunge, Pune - 411045.
61. **Nagnath Kisan Gosavi**
Age - 46, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Survey No.171/1/1
Rudraksha Apt. Flat No.B7
Samatanagar, Daund.
62. **Kiran Dilip Kolhe**
Age - 38, Occu. Service,
R/at - Mauli Niwas, Plot No 11,
Sawant Nagar Daund,
Taluka Daund, Pune
63. **Varsha Laxman Sable**



Age - 36, Occu. Service,
Residing at - At Bheloshi Post
Narvan Tal Mahad District Raigad.

64. **Gambhiranand Gunderao Madane**
Age - 42, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Pawas Taluka
District Ratnagiri.
65. **Ketaki Sunil Yadav alias Ketaki Anil Gavali**
Age - 31, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Varche Galli,
Sangli Bypass Road,
Near Ashram School Tasgaon,
Tal-Tasgaon, Dist-Sangli
66. **Bhimrao Haribhau Padalkar**
Age - 49, Occu. Service,
R/at - Post Morve Tal Khandala
Dist Satara Pin- 412802.
67. **Rajaram Raghunath Koli**
Age - 50, Occu. Service,
Residing at - ZPPS Amalewadi,
Tal Khatav, Dist Satara 415505.
68. **Nangare Neeta Bapurao**
Age - 39, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Post Patan, Tal Patan,
Dist. Satara 415206
69. **Ulhas Diliprao Rathod**
Age - 43, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Jijau Nagar,
Nalwadi, Wardha.
70. **Praful Mahadeo Chikhalkar**
Age - 42, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Adegon,
Ta- Deoli, Dist- Wardha
71. **Sunil Namdeorao Munde**



Age - 52, Occu. Service,
R/at - Post Kamargaon,
Ta. Karanja,
Dist Washim, Pin 444110.

72. **Jitendra Narayanrao Lakde**

Age - 43, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Umarkhed
Dist. Yavatmal.

73. **Anup Ashok Bakkiwar**

Age - 39, Occu. Service,
Residing at - Borele Lay Out,
Dp Road, Pandharkawda,
Dist. Yavatmal 445302.

....Petitioners

Versus

1. **The State of Maharashtra**

School Education and Sports
Department, Mantralaya
Mumbai

2. **The Maharashtra State**

Examination Council,
through the Commissioner
S. No. 17, Dr. Ambedkar
Road, Pune-411 001

....Respondents

...
Ms. Preeti Walimbe a/w. Mr. Mayank Tripathi, Ms. Rutika Bhoir and Mr.
Prajyot for the Petitioners.

Ms. Pooja Joshi-Deshpande, AGP, for Respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Vijay Killedar a/w. Mr. Sumedh S. Modak, for Respondent No.2.

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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE
AND
ABHAY J. MANTRI, JJ.**



RESERVED ON : 9th MARCH, 2026

PRONOUNCED ON : 26th MARCH, 2026

JUDGMENT (PER : ABHAY J. MANTRI, J).

1. Having heard the learned Counsel for the respective parties, the matter is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage.

2. **Rule.** Rule is made returnable forthwith by consent of the parties.

3. The Petitioners are teachers, who assail the Corrigendum/Shuddipatra dated 2nd February 2026, issued by Respondent No. 2, the Maharashtra State Examination Council (“for short, “*Council*”) whereby it declared that one question was published in four different sets of question papers, i. e., Question Nos. A-147, B-142, C-137, and D-132 has/have been cancelled.

4. For the sake of convenience, we are reproducing the details provided by the Petitioners in the table annexed to the Petition at **Exhibit - A**, which is as follows:



Sr. No.	District	Name (Capital Letters)	Occupation	Name of the Working School	Types of School Management	TET Paper 1 Seat No.
1	Thane	SUNIL SAHEBRAO PATIL	Assistant Teacher	Z.P.SCHOOL DEVGHAR TAL AMBARNATH DIST THANE	Zilla Parishad Schools	1516110044
2	Thane	PRAKASH KASHINATH MHADSE	Assistant Teacher	Z.P.School Mhasa	Zilla Parishad Schools	1518110055
3	Thane	VAISHALI SADASHIV CHAUDHARI	Assistant Teacher	Z. P. School Vehele	Zilla Parishad Schools	1514110250
4	Pune	CHANDRAKALA SHANTARAM PATIL	Assistant Teacher	Shri Khanderay Pratishthanche Prathmik Vidyalaya, Balewadi, Pune-45	Private Aided Schools	2128210037
5	Pune	NAGNATH KISAN GOSAVI	Assistant Teacher	ZPPS PANVAKARVAST I	Zilla Parishad Schools	2112110145
6	Pune	KIRAN DILIP KOLHE	Assistant Teacher	Z P. Primary School Shingadewadi	Zilla Parishad Schools	2102110049
7	Wardha	ULHAS DILIPRAO RATHOD	Assistant Teacher	Z. P. Primary school Helodi Ta. Seloo Dist. Wardha	Zilla Parishad Schools	7401110022
8	Nashik	PRADEEP RAMCHANDRA SHINDE	Assistant Teacher	Z P School Mohu.	Zilla Parishad Schools	3103110466
9	Aurangabad	PRAKASH DHARMA SHISODE	Assistant Teacher	ZPPSPH Bairagiwadi Bodhegaon bk taluka PHULMBRI district chhatrapati Sambhajinagar	Zilla Parishad Schools	5106110288
10	Chandrapur	SHARAD RAMASHANKAR BODANE	Assistant Teacher	Lokmanya Tilak prathamik vidyalaya Bramhapuri	Private Aided Schools	7607110198
11	Satara	BHIMRAO HARIBHAU PADALKAR	Assistant Teacher	Z P PRATHMIK SCHOOL WAKHANDWADI	Zilla Parishad Schools	4202110171
12	Satara	RAJARAM RAGHUNATH KOLI	Assistant Teacher	Z P PS AMALEWADI	Zilla Parishad Schools	4209110242
13	Satara	NANGARE NEETA BAPURAO	Assistant Teacher	Z P PRIMARY SCHOOL MENDHOSHI	Zilla Parishad Schools	4202110508
14	Gadchiroli	AVINASH JANARDHAN BHOWARE	Subject Teacher (Science, Maths, History, etc.)	Z.P Upper primary school Machhalitola	Zilla Parishad Schools	7601110011
15	Nashik	VAISHALI MADHUKAR WAGH	Assistant Teacher	Z.P. Primary School ,Chandwad Boys	Zilla Parishad	3127110103



				Chandwad. Nashik	Schools	
16	Nandurbar	KIRAN JIBHAU MOHITE	Assistant Teacher	Z P SCHOOL BHUTEAKASPUR	Zilla Parishad Schools	3402110231
17	Gadchiroli	TUKADYA GANPATI KOSARE	Assistant Teacher	Z.P.U.P.SCHOOL KOTGAL DIST.GADCHIROLI	Zilla Parishad Schools	7603110399
18	Jalna	SAROJANA GANGADHARRAO YEDPALWAR	Assistant Teacher	Z. P. P. S. SHELWADA TA. PARTUR DIST. JALNA	State Government Schools	8324110272
19	Washim	SUNIL NAMDEORAO MUNDE	Assistant Teacher	Z.P.Up.Primary School, Wapati - Kupati	Zilla Parishad Schools	6101110266
20	Dhule	NAYANA CHANDRKANT BURKULE	Assistant Teacher	Z. P. School Mordadgaon. Tal and dist Dhule	Zilla Parishad Schools	3202110134
21	Beed	SANDHYA GANPATRAO GARJE	Assistant Teacher	Z P P S Shekapur At Ashti Dist Beed	Zilla Parishad Schools	2217110190
22	Jalgaon	ASHAVINI VITTHALRAO DEVARE	Assistant Teacher	Z.P. Kendrashala Tamaswadi boys, Tal.Parola, Dist.Jalgaon	Zilla Parishad Schools	3204110148
23	Buldhana	MANJUSHRI RAMDAS GHARDE	Assistant Teacher	Z P MARATHI SCHOOL SUNDARKHED	Zilla Parishad Schools	6205110163
24	Beed	DHANRAH SHRIKISHAN DHIMDHIME	Assistant Teacher	Z. P. P. SCHOOL SANGAON, TQ. AMBAJOGAI, DIST. BEED. 431517	Zilla Parishad Schools	8114110285
25	Raigad	VARSHA LAXMAN SABLE	Assistant Teacher	RZP school Lower Tudil	Zilla Parishad Schools	1401110317
26	Jalgaon	RAMESH ABHIMAN BORSE	Assistant Teacher	Z P UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL CHORGAON	Zilla Parishad Schools	3301110014
27	Buldhana	SARIKA UTTAM NIKAM	Graduate Teacher	Z.P. Central Marathi Upper Primary School, Rajur	Zilla Parishad Schools	6202110432
28	Sangli	KETAKI ANIL GAVALI(KETAKI SUNIL YADAV)	Assistant Teacher	NAGAR PARISHAD SHALA NO.9	Municipal Corporation Schools	4306410285
29	Aurangabad	DNYANESHWAR SITARAM SONAWANE	Assistant Teacher	Late Bhairomal Tanwani vidhyamandir bajajinagar sambhajinagar	Private Unaided Schools	5125410310
30	Buldhana	PRAVIN BHASKAR KALE	Assistant Teacher	Z.P.U.PRI SCHOOL KAREGAON BK	Zilla Parishad Schools	6215410112
31	Beed	ARJUN VYANKATI MUNDE	Assistant Teacher	Zpps chondi	Zilla Parishad Schools	8101110232
32	Jalgaon	PRIYANKA	Assistant	ZILHA PARISHAD	Zilla	3303110313



		SUBHASH KUMAVAT	Teacher	PRIMARY SCHOOL, VADNA GARI	Parishad Schools	
33	Jalgaon	DEVIDAS KASHINATH PATIL	Assistant Teacher	Z P SCHOOL KOKADI TANDA TAL PACHORA	Zilla Parishad Schools	3312110007
34	Wardha	PRAFUL MAHADEO CHIKHALKAR	Assistant Teacher	Z. P. Primary School, Takli(khode)	Zilla Parishad Schools	7401110233
35	Nanded	GOPATWAD SHANKAR SAYANNA	Assistant Teacher	Nanded	Zilla Parishad Schools	8327110234
36	Nanded	LAXMAN GOVINDRAO KONDEKAR	Assistant Teacher	Z.P.P.S BHODANI TANDA CPS POTA TQ.HIMAYATNAGAR DIST.NANDED	Zilla Parishad Schools	8308110233
37	Gadchiroli	RAJENDRAKUMAR NAMDEO ADe	Assistant Teacher	ZILLA PARISHAD PRIMARY SCHOOL TALODHI	Zilla Parishad Schools	7604410212
38	Akola	MOHAMMED ZUBAIR MOHAMMED YAQUB	Subject Teacher (Science, Maths, History, etc.)	ZILLA PARISHAD UPPER PRIMARY URDU SCHOOL AKOLI KHADAN AKOLA	Zilla Parishad Schools	6306310162
39	Beed	BHAUSAHEB RAJENDRA DIDUL	Assistant Teacher	ZPPS GAWAL WADI	Zilla Parishad Schools	5301110183
40	Gadchiroli	ANITA SHRAWAN KAMDI	Assistant Teacher	ZP Upper Primary School Sakhera, Karwafa , Tah - Dhanora, Gadchiroli	Zilla Parishad Schools	7601110243
41	Ratnagiri	GAMBHIRANAND GUNDERAO MADNE	Assistant Teacher	ZPP SCHOOL PA WAS NO ITALUKA DIST RATNAGIRI	Zilla Parishad Schools	4403410117
42	Kolhapur	BHAGWAN UTTAMRAO MUNDHE	Graduate Teacher	KUMAR VIDYA MANDIR NO. 1KURUNDWAD	Zilla Parishad Schools	4101110036
43	Buldhana	KISHOR SUBHASH JADHAO	Assistant Teacher	Z P M P School Anjani Khurd Tq Lonar Dist Buldhana	Zilla Parishad Schools	6203110292
44	Beed	JADHAV PRATIKSHA VASANTRAO	Assistant Teacher	ZPCPS RAJURI (NAVGAN) CPS RAJURI TAL.DIST.BEED	Zilla Parishad Schools	5303110338
45	Nashik	ASHVINI ROHIDAS RAJBANSHI	Assistant Teacher	Z. P. Primary school walmiknagar (KOLYACHI VADI)	Zilla Parishad Schools	3105110335
46	Nashik	ROHIDAS SHANKAR PALAVI	Assistant Teacher	Z.P. PRIMARY SCHOOL VILWANDIPADA	Zilla Parishad Schools	3113410376
47	Nashik	SHRI SANDEEP BHARATSING JADHAV	Assistant Teacher	Z.p.pri.School Dharangaon veer, Tal - Niphad, Dist-Nashik	Zilla Parishad Schools	3123110084
48	Nashik	SANDEEP	Assistant	Z P SCHOOL	Zilla	3110110431



		SAKHARAM GITE	Teacher	MOHU	Parishad Schools	
49	Nashik	SANJAY SHANKAR GANGURDE	Graduate Teacher	Z. P. Primary School Ahivantwadi	Zilla Parishad Schools	3101110043
50	Nashik	SANTOSH MURLIDHAR GANGURDE	Assistant Teacher	Z.P. PRIMARY SCHOOL UGAON.	Zilla Parishad Schools	3101110191
51	Nashik	SANDIP MANOHAR PAWAR	Assistant Teacher	Z P PRIMARY SCHOOL SAIKHEDA	Zilla Parishad Schools	3107110465
52	Amravati	MAHENDRA MOTIRAM BADODE	Assistant Teacher	Z. P. Marathi School Padale bk.	Zilla Parishad Schools	3301110153
53	Ahmednagar	VIJAY RAVSAHEB LOKHANDE	Assistant Teacher	ZPPS BIDGARVASTI VANJULPOI	Zilla Parishad Schools	2212410083
54	Ahmednagar	AMBEKAR SANTOSH RAMDAS	Graduate Teacher	Z.P.P. SCHOOL RUIKHEL TAL. SHRIGONDA DIST AHILYANAGAR	Zilla Parishad Schools	2207110243
55	Ahmednagar	SAVITA VISHWANATH SALE	Assistant Teacher	Z.P. PRIMARY SCHOOL SHENDI	Zilla Parishad Schools	2204110363
56	Jalgaon	RAKESH RAMESH PATIL	Assistant Teacher	Z P Pri. School, Vargavhan	Zilla Parishad Schools	3306410194
57	Jalgaon	VIJAY RAMESH GOSAVI	Assistant Teacher	Z. P. Primary School Jalke, Ta. Dist. Jalgaon	Zilla Parishad Schools	3302110251
58	Ahmednagar	SHITAL NAVNATH PANDE	Assistant Teacher	Zilla parishad primary school Nimgaon Bhojapur	Zilla Parishad Schools	3116110383
59	Ahmednagar	JYOTI ASHOK SANGADE	Assistant Teacher	Z.P. Primary school, Ambi khalsa	Zilla Parishad Schools	3112410047
60	Ahmednagar	WAKCHAURE MEENAKSHI MADHAV	Assistant Teacher	Z.P.P. SCHOOL DESHMUKHMAL A. SANGAMNER	Zilla Parishad Schools	3121110199
61	Jalgaon	Rajendra Shantaram Shinde	Assistant Teacher	Z.P.School - Nandri , Tal - Amalner , Di - Jalgaon	Zilla Parishad Schools	3202110156
62	Jalgaon	GOKUL GANPAT HADAP	Assistant Teacher	Z.P.PRIMARY SCHOOL PALASKHEDE MIRACHE, TAL- JAMNER, DIST- JALGAON	Zilla Parishad Schools	3304110227
63	Buldhana	SUNIL SHRIRAM MORE	Assistant Teacher	Buldhana	Zilla Parishad Schools	5210110323
64	Yavatmal	JITENDRA NARAYANRAO LAKDE	Assistant Teacher	LATE UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH HIGH SV	Private Aided Schools	6501110017
65	Amravati	ATUL MADHUKAR KOTHE	Assistant Teacher	Z P PRE MIDDLE SCHOOL	Zilla Parishad	6102110127



				CHANDIKAPUR	Schools	
66	Hingoli	SACHIN YASHWANT MORE	Subject Teacher (Science, Maths, History, etc.)	ZPPS HATALA	Zilla Parishad Schools	5503110253
67	Aurangabad	ATHARE PALLAVI PRALHAD	Assistant Teacher	Rajashri Prathamik Vidyalaya Waluj	Private Aided Schools	5120110180
68	Beed	WAGHCHAURE SANTOSH VISHNU	Assistant Teacher	Jijamata Primary school Telgaon.	Private Aided Schools	5302110408
69	Jalgaon	DEVANAND YASHWANT WAGH	Assistant Teacher	ZP UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL VARAD. TALUKA CHOPDA. DIST- JALGAON 425107	Zilla Parishad Schools	3307410048
70	Yavatmal	ANUP ASHOK BAKKIWAR	Assistant Teacher	Z.P. Primary School Muchi	Zilla Parishad Schools	6501110039
71	Buldhana	PRADIP BHIMRAO KANKAL	Assistant Teacher	Z.P.P.S Dhawada	Zilla Parishad Schools	6204110073
72	Beed	GANESH RAOSAHEB DHAITIDAK	Graduate Teacher	ZPPS BAHEGAVHAN TQ WADWANI DIST BEED	Zilla Parishad Schools	5306110037
73	Aurangabad	ASHOK CHHAGAN TARDE	Assistant Teacher	SHREE GAJANAN PRATHAMIK VIDYAMANDIR	Private Aided Schools	5101110073

5. The Respondent No.2-Council had conducted the “*Teacher Eligibility Test*” (for short, “**TET**”) examination, for which the timetable and schedule of the examination were declared and published by issuing Notification (**Exhibit-B**) dated 11th September 2025. Pursuant to the Notification, Respondent No.2-Council scheduled the examination on 23rd November 2025. The Petitioners appeared for the said examination, which was conducted for a total of 150 marks.

6. The passing eligibility criteria for the candidates belonging to



the reserved categories were 82 marks out of 150 marks (equivalent to 55%). For open-category candidates, the criteria were 90 marks out of 150 marks (equivalent to 60%).

7. By Notification dated 19th December 2025, the provisional/interim answer key was published by the Respondent No. 2. Accordingly, the Commissioner invited objections from the candidates who had appeared for the examination until 27th December 2025, to consider them or any errors, if any, that may have arisen in the answer key regarding the answers mentioned in the said key, and to obtain the opinion of the subject experts, before publishing the final answer key.

8. Pursuant to the said Notification, the candidates lodged their objections with the Council. After considering these objections with the assistance of the subject experts, Respondent No. 2-Council published the final answer key and uploaded it on the website on 12th January 2026. Subsequently, on 16th January 2026, the Council published the provisional results and called upon candidates to verify them and submit any objections or errors arising during their publication to the Council by **21st January 2026.**



9. Thereafter, on 2nd February 2026, Respondent No.2-Council issued the Notification (for short, “*impugned Notification*”), stating that Question Nos. A-147, B-142, C-137, and D-132, which were identical questions that are apparent across four different sets, were cancelled. Subsequently, the Council published the results of the TET examination. The Petitioner secured only 81 marks out of 149; they were all declared “*Not Eligible.*”

10. After publication of the final result, on 5th February 2026, the Petitioners approached Respondent No.2, Council and raised objections. The Petitioner No. 1 has categorically raised an objection asserting that, having secured 82 marks and belonging to a reserved category, he is eligible; however, the result erroneously showed him as “**Not Eligible**”. They also requested that it reconsider its decision to cancel the question (s) after the publication of the interim and final answer keys. However, their request was in vain. Consequently, the Petitioners have preferred this Writ Petition.

11. We have considered the submissions of learned Advocates for the respective parties. Perused the record and have gone through the judgments relied upon by the learned Advocate for the Petitioners.



12. The learned Advocate for the Petitioners drew our attention to Instruction No.17 in the Question paper/s and emphasised that Respondent No.2-Council did not consider Instruction No.17 in the question paper in its proper perspective and erred in cancelling the said question from all four sets of question papers. The action of issuance of the impugned Notification cancelling the said question is arbitrary and erroneous. It denotes a non-application of mind, and thus the same deserves to be quashed. Drawing our attention to Paper I from Set 'D', the learned Counsel pointed out Question No.132 and submitted that after reading Question No.132 in the English version, the Petitioners answered Question No.132 in the Marathi version. She argued that the Petitioners had correctly solved the question. However, Respondent No.2-Council failed to consider Instruction No.17 in its proper perspective, that if the ambiguity or vagueness appeared in the Marathi and English versions of the Question, then the Question in the English version would prevail. The said facts themselves show that the Petitioners have rightly answered the Question in issue; accordingly, the cancellation of the Question by the Council, thereby reducing the final score by one mark, is arbitrary. This action is erroneous and reflects a lack of application of the mind. To buttress her submissions, she relied on the decisions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Kanpur*



*University, through Vice-Chancellor & Ors. vs. Samir Gupta & Ors.*¹ and *Manish Ujwal vs. Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati University*², and urged for the quashing of the impugned Notification.

13. *Per contra*, the learned Advocate for Respondent No.2-Council strenuously opposed the Petition, contending that, as per law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Ran Vijay Singh & Ors. vs. State of Uttar Pradesh & Ors.*³, the Council has authority to cancel a question that was wrongly published in the Marathi version to avoid any confusion while allotting the marks. He submitted that, in fact, there was no ambiguity in Question No. 132, but the question in the Marathi version appeared contrary to the English version. Therefore, as per Instruction No. 5, Respondent No. 2 rightly cancelled Question No. 132. He further argued that Question No. 132 was neither vague nor ambiguous, but that the question in the Marathi version was incorrect. Consequently, Respondent No.2-Council acted within its ambit and cancelled the said question. He, therefore, submitted that no interference is warranted regarding the impugned Notification and urged the dismissal of the Petition.

1 (1983) 4 SCC 309

2 (2005) 13 SCC 744

3 (2018) 2 SCC 357



14. Having heard the learned Counsel for the respective parties, the only question that arises for our consideration is “*whether the issuance of the impugned Notification by Respondent No.2-Council, thereby cancelling the only question at issue from all four sets, is just and proper.*”

15. To ascertain the controversy between the parties, it would be appropriate to reproduce relevant material, namely Instruction Nos. 5 and 17, on which both the parties relied, in the question paper:

“5. *If the question is cancelled due to any reason, the eligibility will be decided based on the marks obtained against the accurate question.*

17. *In case of ambiguity between the translation of Marathi or any other medium and the English medium, questions in the English medium will be considered as final for all mediums.*”

(Emphasis added)

16. Similarly, we are reproducing Question No.132 in Set ‘D’ of the question paper, from both versions, as follows:

“132. खाली सांध्याचे प्रकार व हाड यांच्या जोडया दिल्या आहेत. त्यातील अयोग्य जोडीचा पर्याय कोणता?

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| (i) उखळीचा सांधा | (अ) कोपर |
| (ii) बिजागरीचा सांधा | (ब) मनगट |
| (iii) सरकता सांधा | (क) कवटीची हाडे |
| (iv) अचल सांधा | (ड) खांदी |

“132. *Choose the correct option from the given pair of types of joints and bones.*

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| (i) <i>Ball and socket joint</i> | (a) <i>Elbow</i> |
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| <i>(ii) Hinge joint</i> | <i>(b) Wrist</i> |
| <i>(iii) Gliding joint</i> | <i>(c) Bones of the skull</i> |
| <i>(iv) Immovable joint</i> | <i>(d) Shoulder”</i> |

17. On a bare perusal of Question No.132 in both the English and Marathi versions, it is apparent that the question in the Marathi version is completely contrary to the question in the English version. **In the English version**, candidates were asked to choose the ‘*correct pair option*’ from the given pairs; however, **in the Marathi version**, they were asked to choose the ‘*incorrect pair option*’. This fact itself indicates that there was no ambiguity in the question or its Marathi translation. Rather, the anomaly was that the action to be performed by the examinees attempting the English and Marathi versions was contradictory. Thus, in our view, Instruction No. 17 does not apply to the present case, as there was no ambiguity or vagueness in the question in the Marathi and English versions, or the question in issue does not fall under Instruction No. 17. Consequently, under Instruction No.5, Respondent No.2-Council is empowered to cancel the question. What is significant is that the impugned action of the Council is impartial and is uniformly made applicable to all the examinees. All have lost the chance to score a mark in view of the cancellation of the question.



18. The decisions on which the learned Advocate for the Petitioners relied were considered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Ran Vijay Singh* (supra). After considering the dictum in *Kanpur University, through the Vice-Chancellor & Ors.* and *Manish Ujwal*, the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in paragraphs Nos. 30 and 31, proposed to highlight several significant conclusions and laid down in the form of guidelines, which are reproduced below:

“30. The law on the subject is therefore quite clear, and we only propose to highlight a few significant conclusions. They are:

30.1. If a statute, Rule or Regulation governing an examination permits the re-evaluation of an answer sheet or scrutiny of an answer sheet as a matter of right, then the authority conducting the examination may permit it;

30.2. If a statute, Rule or Regulation governing an examination does not permit re-evaluation or scrutiny of an answer sheet (as distinct from prohibiting it) then the court may permit re-evaluation or scrutiny only if it is demonstrated very clearly, without any “inferential process of reasoning or by a process of rationalisation” and only in rare or exceptional cases that a material error has been committed;

30.3. The court should not at all re-evaluate or scrutinise the answer sheets of a candidate—it has no expertise in the matter and academic matters are best left to academics;

30.4. The court should presume the correctness of the key answers and proceed on that assumption; and

30.5. In the event of a doubt, the benefit should go to the examination authority rather than to the candidate.

31. On our part, we may add that sympathy, or compassion,



does not play any role in the matter of directing or not directing re-evaluation of an answer sheet. If an error is committed by the examination authority, the complete body of candidates suffers. The entire examination process does not deserve to be derailed only because some candidates are disappointed or dissatisfied or perceive some injustice having been caused to them by an erroneous question or an erroneous answer. All candidates suffer equally, though some might suffer more, but that cannot be helped since mathematical precision is not always possible. This Court has shown one way out of an impasse — exclude the suspect or offending question”.

(Emphasis added)

19. A bare perusal of the above guidelines reveals that, in the event of doubt, the benefit should go to the examination authorities rather than to the candidates. Moreover, this is not an adversarial litigation. Therefore, we do not find any illegality in the Council’s decision to cancel the question. Thus, in our view, the observations in the decisions cited by the learned Advocate for the Petitioners are hardly of any assistance to them. On the contrary, the law laid down in *Ran Vijay Singh* (supra) squarely covers the case at hand.

20. Apart from the above, in *Manish Ujwal* (supra) and in *Kanpur University* (supra), the facts were that the answer keys were incorrect, yet the students had answered the questions correctly. Consequently, the Hon’ble Supreme Court awarded marks to those students. However, the facts in the case at hand are distinct. Here, the options for pairing were correct. The action to be performed was contradictory to the two sets of



examinees who answered in English and Marathi. The Marathi examinees were to set the improper pairs, entirely contradictory to the English examinees, who had to set the proper pairs. To resolve this discrepancy, Respondent No. 2-Council cancelled the question, which the Council was empowered to do. Therefore, in our view, the law laid down in the aforementioned decisions is not helpful to the Petitioners. On the contrary, as concluded in *Ran Vijay Singh* (supra), Respondent No. 2 has the authority to cancel such a question.

21. We have also gone through the record, which reveals that on 16th January 2026, Respondent No.2-Council published the interim results. The Petitioners annexed the interim result sheet of Petitioner No. 1 to the Petition (**Exhibit 'F'**). As per the said result sheet, Petitioner No. 1 secured 82 out of 150 marks; however, the Eligibility criterion for passing the examination was shown as 83 marks (55%). A remark in the said result sheet expressly indicates that Petitioner No. 1 was '**Not Eligible**'. Similarly, the final result sheet of Petitioner No. 1 (on page 110) shows that Petitioner No. 1 obtained 81 marks out of 149 (54.36%). The required marks for eligibility were shown as 82 (55%); as such, the remark was shown as '**Not Eligible**'. Thus, in both the interim and final results, Petitioner No. 1 was shown as '**Not Eligible**'.



22. The learned Advocate for the Petitioners argued that Petitioner No. 1 had obtained 82 marks and was, therefore, eligible and that it was only due to the cancellation of Question No.132 from Set 'D', which reduced his score to 81 marks. He contended that the authority's decision to cancel the question caused prejudice to the Petitioners' rights. However, upon considering the interim result sheet, we find no substance in his argument. According to the interim and final Result Sheets, the eligibility requirement was (55%) marks (i.e. 83 Marks), yet Petitioner No.1 had secured only 82 marks. Thus, even before the question was cancelled, he was shown as '*Not Eligible*'; he did not meet the criteria. Consequently, we find no merit in the Petitioners' contentions in this regard.

23. The Petitioners, though, claim to belong to reserved categories, for which the eligibility criterion was 82 marks out of 150 (equivalent to 55%). However, the interim result sheet reveals that the Petitioners were required to obtain 83 marks to be declared Eligible for the TET examination. Following the cancellation of one question by Respondent No. 2-Council, their scores were reduced to 81; therefore, in our view, it cannot be said that the Petitioners obtained the required 55% to claim eligibility. Thus, we find no error in the declaration of results by Respondent No. 2-Council.



24. It is pertinent to note that on 16th January 2026, Respondent No. 2- Council published the provisional result on the website, and also issued the Notification dated 16th January 2026, thereby asking the candidates to verify the marks and inviting their objections or errors, if any occurred during the allotment of the marks by 21st January 2026. However, it does not appear that the Petitioners had raised any objections until 21st January 2026. Then, upon considering the objections received by the Council and on the advice of the subject experts, the Council issued the impugned Notification dated 2nd February 2026, thereby cancelling the Question in issue. Subsequently, on 3rd February 2026, the final result sheet was issued/published. Afterwards, on 5th February 2026, only Petitioner No. 1 and some other Petitioners raised their objections before the Council regarding the cancellation of the Question. Nothing is produced on record to demonstrate that after issuance of Notification dated 16th January 2026, they raised the objections before the Council until 21st January 2026, or cancellation of the question on 2nd February 2026, or the declaration of the final result sheet till 3rd February 2026.

25. Having considered the above discussion and, in light of the dictum in *Ran Vijay Singh* (supra), we find that the Petitioners have failed



to make out a case for the invocation of Article 226 of the Constitution of India. Consequently, *the Petition lacks merit and is dismissed.*

26. Accordingly, **the Rule is discharged.** There shall be no order as to costs.

[ABHAY J. MANTRI, J.]

[RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.]

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