

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 2982 OF 2026

Sinhgad Dental College And Hospital And Anr.	...Petitioners
Versus	
Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik And Ors.	...Respondents

Mr. V.P. Sawant, Sr. Advocate a/w Mr. Nitin Dhumal for the Petitioners.
Mr. Sachindra B. Shetye a/w Nipun Sawant for Respondent No.1 – MUHS.
Mr. S.P. Kamble, AGP for Respondent No.2 – State.

**CORAM : R. I. CHAGLA AND
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, JJ.**

DATED : 18th MARCH, 2026

P.C.:-

1. By the order dated 6 March 2026, this Court had directed the Respondent No.1- MUHS to give 48 hours working days notice to the Petitioner - Institution in the event there is a decision taken by the Respondent No.2 – State Government for shifting the students from the Petitioner - Institute to another Dental College within the State. Liberty had also been granted to the Petitioner in the event 48 hours working days notice has been served upon them to move this Court. Pursuant to the liberty granted, the Petitioners have moved this Court.

2. A Government Resolution dated 12 March 2026 has been issued by the Respondent – State by which the process for shifting of the students of the Petitioner - Institute has been allowed. The GR dated 12 March 2026 is

taken on record and marked 'X' for identification.

3. Mr. Sawant, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Petitioner has submitted that the hearing is being held by the Academic Council of Respondent No.1 regarding whether the Petitioner has met with the requirements for affiliation with the Respondent No.1 – University. He has submitted that till the next date, the Respondent be restrained from shifting of the students from the Petitioner – Institute.

4. Mr. Sachindra Shetye, learned counsel appearing for Respondent No.1 – MUHS University has submitted that in view of the GR dated 12 March 2026 which has allowed shifting of the students of the Petitioner – Institute, the process of shifting is being commenced by Respondent No.1 – MUHS but the actual shifting will take time. This statement is accepted.

5. Having considered the submissions as well as the above statement, we do not consider it appropriate to pass any orders restraining the shifting of students from the Petitioner – Institute, at this stage. The process for shifting of the students as per the GR dated 12 March 2026 shall be subject to further orders of this Court. The hearing of the Petitioner – Institute by the Respondent – MUHS University as scheduled, shall be held today and orders passed pursuant thereto prior to the next date.

6. Place the Writ Petition on the supplementary board on 25 March 2026, on which date the matter has been already adjourned to.

7. At this stage, Mr. Sawant has sought permission to amend the Writ

Petition in order to impugn the GR dated 12 March 2026. A draft amendment in this regard shall be submitted to this Court on the next date.

8. Stand over to **25 March 2026** on Supplementary Board.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA, J.]