

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 1844 OF 2026

Sinhgad Technical Education Society
Versus
The State Of Maharashtra And Ors.

...Petitioner
...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 2982 OF 2026**

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

...Petitioners
...Respondents

Mr. V.P. Sawant, Sr. Advocate, Nitin Dhumal for the Petitioner in WP/1844/2026, WP/2982/2026.
Mr. Suresh Pakale, Senior Advocate, a/w Mr. Nilesh Desai for the Petitioners in WP/7428/2024 & CP/157/2026.
Ms. Kavita N. Solunke, Addl. GP a/w A.R. Deolekar, AGP for Respondent – State in WP/1833/2026 and IA(ST)/8304/2026 and WP/2982/2026.
Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. a/w Mr. S.P. Kamble, AGP for Respondent No.2 – State.
Mr. A.A. Khumbhakoni, Sr. Advocate and Sachindra B. Shetye for Respondent No.1 – MUHS in WP/2982/2026.
Ms. Anamika Malhotra for Respondent Nos.3 and 4 in WP/2982/2026.

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

DATED : 26th MARCH, 2026

P.C.:-

1. These Writ Petitions had been placed today in view of it being circulated by this Bench. This is in view of an order which has been brought

to the notice of this Bench, dated 25 March 2026 passed by the Coordinate Court. By the said order, the directions which had been issued by the Coordinate Bench vide order dated 17 July 2025 have been reproduced. In paragraph 2 of the said order, our order dated 18 March 2026 passed in the captioned Writ Petition No.1844 of 2026 had been pointed out by the learned Additional G.P. and paragraph 3 as well as paragraph 14 of the said order have been reproduced. In paragraph 14 of the our order, we had recorded that in view of the exercise required to be carried out by the Respondent – State, the directions in paragraphs D, E and F of the said order dated 17 July 2025 shall be kept in abeyance until such time as the Respondent – State passes a reasoned order.

2. After reproducing the said paragraph, the Coordinate Bench in the order dated 25 March 2026 has considered it appropriate to direct the Registrar (Judicial-I) of this Court to place the Writ Petition No.2886 of 2026 as well as the Contempt Petition No.157 of 2026 before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice for considering whether all matters pertaining to Sinhgad Technical Education Society, could be assigned to one Court.

3. It is pertinent to mention that we had passed our order dated 18 March 2026 in view of the directions issued by the very same Coordinate Bench vide order dated 11 March 2026 and particular, in paragraph 12 of the said order. The Coordinate Bench had referred to the captioned Writ Petition No.1844 of 2026 wherein ad-interim order had been passed by us

on 12 February 2026 which had directed the State to reimburse approved fees of the students of the Petitioner – Institute through the Respondent No.14 Bank.

4. Mr. Pakale, learned Senior Advocate appearing for the Petitioners in Writ Petition No.7428 of 2024 in which the said order dated 11 March 2026 was passed, had submitted that admissions to the Institutions operated by the Sinhgad Technical Education Society, are almost full for this academic year. However, the teachers and non-teaching staff, running into more 1000 employees having not been paid their salary. In such circumstances, the Coordinate Bench considered it appropriate for the employees as well as the State of Maharashtra to approach this Bench in Writ Petition No.1844 of 2026, to work out a mechanism by which the said amount may be utilized by the State Government to ensure payment of the outstanding salary of the employees.

5. Further, it is pertinent to note that in paragraph 13 of our order dated 18 March 2026 we have expressly taken due cognizance of the said order dated 11 March 2026 passed by the Coordinate Bench which directed that a mechanism be worked out by the State Government to ensure the utilization of the said amount for the payment of the outstanding salaries of the employees. It is with regard to this direction, that we initiated the working out of a mechanism for payment of outstanding salaries of the employees.

6. However, considering that the directions were issued by the Coordinate Bench vide order dated 17 July 2025 which included the specific directions in paragraphs D, E and F of the said order and which specific directions we have in paragraph 14 of our order dated 18 March 2026 kept in abeyance, we are of the view that the said paragraph 14 requires to be recalled. This, also for the reason of judicial propriety considering the orders passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, as noted above.

7. Upon expressing our view, Mr. Sawant, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Petitioner has sought time to seek modification of the order dated 25 March 2026 before the Coordinate Bench by referring to the order dated 11 March 2026 and in particular, the direction issued therein to the employees as well as the State of Maharashtra to approach this Bench in the captioned Writ Petition to work out the mechanism as mentioned in paragraph 3 above.

8. Accordingly, at the request of Mr. Sawant and the urgency as made out by him, we stand over this Writ Petition to 1 April 2026 to be shown on the 'Supplementary Board'.

9. Interim Application (St.) No.8304 of 2026 and Writ Petition No.2982 of 2026 shall be listed on that date.

10. We clarify that these matters are being placed on 1 April 2026 subject to the Hon'ble Chief Justice passing administrative orders assigning the matters to the appropriate Bench.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA, J.]