

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.2783 OF 2026

Vaishali Sampat Kakade alias AvhadPetitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

Mr. Sujeet G. Karlekar i/b. Mr. Akshay S. Karlekar, for the Petitioner.

Ms. Neha S. Bhide, GP a/w. Mr. O. A. Chandurkar, Addl. GP. and Ms. G. R. Raghuwanshi, AGP, for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra (through Video Conferencing).

Mr. Ranjitsigh Deol, Principal Secretary, School Education (through Video Conferencing).

Mr. Abasaheb Kavale, Deputy Secretary, School Education, Mumbai.

Mr. Shriram Panzade, Joint Director, Secondary & Higher Secondary Directorate, Pune.

Mr. Sagar Bhongade, Joint Secretary Law, C.S. Office, Mumbai.

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

DATE : 7th MARCH, 2026

P.C. :

1. The learned Government Pleader has tendered the copy of an order dated 20th February, 2026 passed by the Joint Director Education (Secondary and Higher Secondary), by which, the appointment of the

Petitioner has been quashed and set aside. A copy of the said order is delivered to the learned Advocate for the Petitioner in the Court today, who submits on instructions that the Petitioner will have to amend the Petition.

2. Leave to amend is granted. Addition of grounds, prayers and annexing the copy of the order, be carried out within two weeks.

3. After the amendment is carried out, copy of the amended Petition be served upon the learned AGP. A freshly typed copy of the amended memo of the Petition be tendered on record.

4. List this Petition on **7th April, 2026** in the 'Fresh Admission Category'.

5. Since the Petitioner has been working from 2017, which is undisputed and was purportedly appointed prior to the introduction of the 'Pavitra Portal' and since she is still in appointment today as this order has neither been served on the Petitioner nor on the management, we direct that her status as an employee shall be maintained as on date subject to further hearing and orders.

6. Needless to state, since the Petitioner is paid salary through the

Shalarth ID, we record that if this Court concludes that the management had indulged in illegalities in making the appointment, the salary being paid to the Petitioner through the Shalarth ID, by virtue of this ad-interim relief order, shall then be recovered from the coffers of the management.

(ABHAY J. MANTRI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

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