

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 237 OF 2026
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 4198 OF 2019

Dr Shobha BhargavaPetitioner

Versus

The State of MaharashtraRespondent

Ms. Rishika Agarwal i/b Ms. Devyani Kulkarni for the Petitioner.

Mr. P. P. Kakade, Addl. GP a/w Mr. V. G. Badgujar, AGP for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 3/State.

Mr. Rajendra Kamble for Respondent No.4.

CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE
&
HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, JJ.

DATE : 23rd APRIL, 2026

P.C. :-

1. We have perused the Judgment of the Writ Court dated 27th March, 2025 delivered in Writ Petition No. 4198 of 2019, more particularly the directions issued in paragraph Numbers 11, 12 and 13. We are informed by the learned Additional Government Pleader

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that Respondent No.4, the Registrar of the University, did not initiate appropriate steps and, therefore, the role of Respondent No.2, the Director of higher education has still not come into play. Respondent No.3 is the Joint Director of Higher Education.

2. In view of the above, issue notice in the format prescribed under the Contempt of Courts Act to Respondent No.4, returnable on **25th June, 2026**.

3. This matter would be listed in the Special Pension Category Board. Respondent No. 4 is at liberty to enter an affidavit in reply on or before 12th June, 2026.

(HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.) (RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)