

HARSHADA H. SAWANT  
(P.A.)

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

**WRIT PETITION NO.5701 OF 2024**

Dr. Vivekanand Arjunrao Rankhambe .. Petitioner

**Versus**

The State Information Commissioner and Ors. .. Respondents

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- Mr. Nitin P. Deshpande, Advocate for Petitioner.
- Ms. M. S. Srivastava, AGP for Respondent – State.

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**CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.**

**DATE : APRIL 23, 2024**

**P.C.:**

- 1.** Mentioned. Not on Board. Taken on Board.
- 2.** Heard Mr. Deshpande, learned Advocate for Petitioner.
- 3.** Perused the praecipe dated 23.04.2024 and the Writ Petition.
- 4.** Mr. Deshpande would submit by virtue of the impugned order dated 20.02.2024, the State Information Commissioner has directed the Writ Petitioner to supply the entire information called for by private Respondent No.3 and Writ Petitioner has also been fined amount of Rs.25,000/-.
- 5.** He would submit that information called for by private Respondent pertains to all such necessary details pertaining to other candidates in respect of recruitment, however according to the Writ

Petitioner whatever information was available with the Writ Petitioner has been furnished in its entirety. He would submit that in that view of the matter, the Writ Petitioner cannot be faulted.

**6.** I have perused the impugned order dated 20.02.2024 as also averments made in the Writ Petition.

**7.** An arguable case has been made out by Mr. Deshpande for issuance of notice to Respondents and stay of the impugned order dated 20.02.2024.

**8.** Hence, issue notice to the Respondents. Humdast permitted. In addition to Court's notice, Petitioner is directed to serve the Respondents a copy of this order and copy of the Writ Petition and inform them about the next date of hearing by any permissible mode of service and file appropriate affidavit of service with tangible proof thereof. Respondents are directed to file Affidavit-in-Reply to the Writ Petition on or before the next date.

**9.** The impugned order dated 20.02.2024 stands stayed until the present Writ Petition is heard and decided by this Court.

**10.** Stand over to **13<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.**

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[ MILIND N. JADHAV, J. ]

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