

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 6256 OF 2026**

Goeknka and Associates Education Trust & Anr. ...Petitioners

Versus

Union of India Ministry of Human Resource
Development Dept School & Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Arvind G. Kothari a/w Kinnari Mehta i/by Kinnari Mehta for the
Petitioners.

Mr. Rui Rodrigues i/by Jay Sanklecha for Respondent No.1.

Ms. Tanu Bhatia, AGP for Respondent Nos.1 to 5.

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

DATED : 05TH MAY, 2026

P.C.:-

1. This Writ Petition has sought same relief as has been sought by the other schools which are administered by the Petitioner No.1-Trust and which schools are situated in Mumbai. The Petitioner-School is situated in Thane and hence we had directed the Petitioners to file a separate Writ Petition on the Appellate Side. They have duly complied with by filing the present Writ Petition.

2. By this Writ Petition the Petitioner is seeking the same relief as sought for in the Writ Petition No.1027 of 2018 which had been subject matter of the order dated 28 April 2026 in respect of other schools administered by the Petitioner No.1-Trust. The Petitioners have sought reimbursement of

amounts payable to the Petitioner No.2-School for the relevant academic year under Section 12 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE Act) in terms of similar orders passed in other Petitions.

3. Accordingly, by way of this ad interim order we direct Respondent No.2-State, within a period of 6 weeks from today, to scrutinise the case of the Petitioner No.2-school and determine the eligibility as well as quantum of reimbursement to the Petitioner No.2-school. The admissible amount of reimbursement to the Petitioner No.2-school shall be released by the Respondent-State to Respondent No.3-TMC and which in turn, shall release the same to the Petitioner No.2-school within a period of two weeks from the date of such determination.

4. The remaining prayers shall be considered on the next date along with Writ Petition No.1027 of 2018.

5. The Respondent No.2-State and Respondent No.3-TMC shall file their affidavits-in-reply to the Petition on or before 15 June 2026. The Petitioner shall file affidavit in rejoinder thereto within a period of one week thereafter i.e. on or before 22 June 2026.

6. Place this Petition along with Writ Petition No.1027 of 2018 on **23 June 2026**.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA, J.]