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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (ST.) NO.13361 OF 2026

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Bhagwati Education Trust

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra & Ors.

...Respondents

Ms. Madhavi Ayyappan with Mr. Vidyasagar Bhave i/b. Talekar and Associates for the Petitioner.

Ms. Priyanka Chavan, AGP. for the Respondent – State.

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

DATE : 6TH MAY, 2026

ORDER :

1. This writ petition has been moved on the ground of urgency in view of the impugned Government Resolution dated 2 April 2026, wherein Petitioner's School is listed at Sr. No.9 of Annexure – A appended to the said Government Resolution. The impugned Government Resolution mandates that the recognition of Petitioner's School shall stand automatically cancelled, and thereafter there shall be absorption of the students of Petitioner's School and

other schools from 1 May 2026 till 31 May 2026.

2. Ms. Madhavi Ayyappan, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner, has challenged the power of the Respondent – State in issuing the said Government Resolution in respect of Petitioner’s School. In support of this contention, she has referred to the provisions of the Maharashtra Self-Financed Schools (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2012, which she submits are inapplicable to the case of Petitioner’s School.

3. The learned Counsel appearing for the Petitioner states that the Petitioner has forwarded the proposal for grant-in-aid as per the GR dated 15 November 2011 and which proposal remains to be decided by the Respondent – State.

4. The learned AGP appearing for the Respondent – State has sought time to file an affidavit in reply to the writ petition.

5. The learned AGP appearing for the Respondent – State on instructions states that the proposal will be decided within a period of 4 weeks from today. This statement is accepted.

6. Considering the challenge to the impugned Government Resolution, till the next date, the Respondent shall maintain status quo in respect of Petitioner's School and shall not take any coercive steps or action against Petitioner's School on the basis of the impugned Government Resolution dated 2 April 2026 issued by the Respondent – State.

7. The Respondent shall file their Affidavit-in-Reply on or before 9 June 2026.

8. The Petitioner is at liberty to file an Affidavit-in-Rejoinder thereto on or before 16 June 2026.

9. Place the writ petition for consideration on 18 June 2026.

[ADAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA J.]