

*Kavita S.J.*

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

**WRIT PETITION NO.6523 OF 2026**

**Ayush Raj** **...Petitioner**

***Versus***

**The State of Maharashtra & Ors.,** **...Respondents**

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Aishwarya R. Tuwar a/w Isha Hajare for Petitioner.

Ms. D. S. Deshmukh, AGP for Respondent No. 1-State.

Mr. Shailendra Kanetkar a/w Mr R M Gogte for Respondent No. 4.

Mr. Shekhar Jagtap (through VC) for Respondent No. 5.

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

**DATED : 8<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2026.**

**ORDER :**

1. This Writ Petition has been moved on the ground of urgency in view of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester examination for the Academic Year 2025-2026 commencing from 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2026. The Petitioner has been orally informed that he will not be able to appear in the said examination.

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2. The Petitioner is admittedly having attendance of 54%

with the Respondent No.4 – College.

3. We have taken a view in Writ Petition No.6027 of 2026 and companion matters that in the event the Petitioner is having attendance between 50-54% and since the issue with regard to the applicability of 20% relaxation from minimum attendance of 70% as prescribed by Legal Education Rule of Bar Council of India which works out to 50% has arisen in these Petitions, given Clauses 68 and 70 of the Ordinances of 2011 of the Respondent No.2 – Pune University, the Petitioner will be allowed to appear in the Semester examination and which would be subject to outcome of this Petition.

4. We accordingly pass similar order given the similar factual conspectus.

5. We allow the Petitioner by way of this ad-interim order to appear in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester examination and which shall be subject to the outcome in the Petition.

6. The Petitioner shall not claim any equity by virtue of this order. The rights and contentions of the parties are kept open.

7. It is made clear that this order shall apply only to the

Petitioner in the above Writ Petition.

8. The Respondents shall file their Affidavit-in-Reply on or before 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

9. The Petitioner shall file Affidavit-in-Rejoinder on or before 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

10. Place the Writ Petition for further consideration on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2026 with Writ Petition No.6027 of 2026 and companion Writ Petitions.

[ ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J. ]

[ R.I. CHAGLA, J. ]