

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
WRIT PETITION NO. 6506 OF 2026**

Arun Shivaji Valekar  
Versus

...Petitioner

The State Of Maharashtra Thr Its Secretary And Ors

...Respondents

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Adv. Aishwarya Tawar, a/w Adv. Sonali R. Chavan, for Petitioner.  
Adv. Priyanka Chavan, for Respondent - State.  
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**CORAM : R. I. CHAGLA AND  
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, JJ.**

**DATED : 7 MAY, 2026**

**P.C.:-**

1. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner states that the Respondents have been served and undertakes to file an affidavit of service on or before 8 May 2026.
2. By this writ petition, the Petitioner seeks directions to the Respondents to issue a hall ticket and permit the Petitioner to appear for the examinations for the Fifth and subsequently the Sixth Semester of the Three-Year LL.B. Course for the Academic Year 2025–26. The said examinations commenced on 27 April 2026, and the next paper is scheduled to be held tomorrow.
3. This Court had considered a similar issue in relation to the applicability of the formula  $M = N+2$  and had dealt with the rival contentions of the parties in the order dated 17 April 2026 passed in Writ Petition No. 3208 of 2026. The said matter pertained to whether the petitioner-students, having been admitted to the B.A. LL.B. programme at

Respondent No. 4 – College in the Academic Year 2017–18, would fall within the permissible time span for completion of the course. The Petitioners had completed four years of the five-year B.A. LL.B. programme of Respondent No. 4 – College within the time span of  $M = N+2$  as per the UGC Guidelines, and only one year remained for completion of the programme.

4. Accordingly, in our *prima facie* opinion, a similar order is required to be passed as was passed by this Bench on 17 April 2026. Accordingly, we direct Respondent No. 2 – University to validate the PRN, and direct Respondent No. 4 – College to permit the Petitioner to fill out the examination form and issue the hall ticket, thereby allowing the Petitioner to appear for the Fifth Semester examinations, which are presently in progress and wherein the next paper is scheduled for tomorrow. This ad-interim order shall be subject to the outcome of the present petition and/or further orders, and shall not create any equities in favour of the Petitioner.

5. The Respondents may file their affidavit-in-reply to the writ petition, if they so desire, on or before 15 June 2026.

6. The Petitioner is at liberty to file an affidavit-in-rejoinder on or before 22 June 2026.

7. Place the writ petition for consideration on **29<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA, J.]