

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 1844 OF 2026

Sinhgad Technical Education Society

...Petitioner

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra And Ors

...Respondents

Adv. Vishwajit Sawant, Senior Advocate, a/w Nitin Dhumal, for the
Petitioner.

Adv. Kavita N. Solunke, Addl. G.P for the Respondent- State.

Adv. Rathina Maravarman (V.C), a/w Adv. Asma Batatawala, for the
Respondent No. 14 – Bank of Baroda.

**CORAM : R. I. CHAGLA J &
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.**

DATED : 12TH FEBRUARY 2026

PC:-

1. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner has tendered a statement of receivables from the Respondent – State Department.
2. It appears that, in most cases, the admission fees of the students have been approved by the Respondent – State as well as by the College. The Petitioner has sought reimbursement of the fees which were paid from funds borrowed by the Petitioner from Respondent No. 14. In view of the non-reimbursement of the admission fees, Respondent No. 14 – Bank has

taken action against the Petitioner under the SARFAESI Act before the Debts Recovery Tribunal, Pune.

3. By an order passed by the Vacation Court on 29 December 2025, the submission of the learned counsel appearing for Respondent No. 14 – Bank was recorded, namely, that by an order dated 9 December 2025 passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Pune, it was held that despite assurance, the Petitioner had defaulted in making payment of the amount due to the Respondent No. 14 – Bank. The Petitioner had been granted three extensions to deposit the amount due and payable to Respondent No. 14 – Bank. It was accordingly submitted that no indulgence be shown to the Petitioner.

4. Considering the difficulties faced by the Petitioner, the Respondent – State is required to reimburse the approved fees.

5. Learned AGP has relied upon an internal communication dated 26 December 2025 from the Respondent – State Department, which indicates that funds are awaited and that upon the funds being made available with the Respondent – State, reimbursement of the approved fees shall be made.

6. Considering that the said communication is dated 26 December 2025, and in view of the learned AGP's further statement that certain funds have been released and are available with the Respondent – State, we direct the concerned Respondent – State Department to reimburse the approved fees of the students of the Petitioner - Institute to the Respondent No. 14 – Bank

to the extent of their outstanding dues. The balance amount shall be reimbursed to the Petitioner institute. This shall be done within a period of four weeks from today.

7. The Writ petition shall be placed for compliance on 16 March 2026.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA, J.]