

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 4785 OF 2025**

Society of The Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier  
Through Father Valerian Dsouza ...Petitioner  
Versus  
Union of India ...Respondent

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 370 OF 2024**

Rakesh Alopiprasad Varma ...Petitioner  
Versus  
Union of India Through  
The Director General of Employment And Training ...Respondent

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Ms. Shreya Mohapatra for Petitioner in WP/370/2024.  
Mr. Samarth Moray i/b. Ms. Shivani Shinde for Petitioner in WP/4785/2025  
and for Respondent No.5 in WP/370/2024.  
Ms. Vaishali Choudhary, Addl. G.P. for Respondent Nos.2 to 4.  
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**CORAM : R. I. CHAGLA AND  
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, JJ.**

**DATED : 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

**P.C.:-**

1. The learned counsel appearing for the Respondent No.1 – Union of India and Respondent No.2 – State of Maharashtra have sought for extension of time to file an affidavit-in-reply in the above Writ Petition.
2. As and by way of last chance, the Respondent Nos.1 and 2 – Union of India and the State of Maharashtra shall file affidavit-in-reply to the Writ Petitions within a period of two weeks from today. The Petitioner is at

liberty to file affidavit-in-rejoinder thereto within a period of one week thereafter.

3. At this stage, the learned counsel for the Petitioner has sought for a direction to Respondent No.3 - Commissioner to produce the communication dated 18 June 2024.

4. Accordingly, Respondent No.3 is directed to produce the communication dated 18 June 2024 and serve a copy of the same to the Petitioner in advance.

5. List the Writ Petitions for consideration on 5 March 2026.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA, J.]