

Priya Soparkar

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 842 OF 2020

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 853 OF 2020

AND

WRIT PETITION NO. 845 OF 2020

Alka Rajan Patankar and ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

University of Mumbai and ors.

...Respondents

Ms. Devyani Kulkarni, for the Petitioners.

Mr. Vijay Vaidya, for the Respondent No.1.

Ms. Jyoti Chavan, Addl. GP, for the State.

CORAM: SUMAN SHYAM &
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.

DATED: 1ST APRIL, 2026.

PC:-

1. The primary relief prayed for by the Petitioners in these Writ Petitions is for a direction upon the Respondents for releasing their pension and other retirement benefits including gratuity, commuted leave etc. alongwith interest at the rate of 12% p.a. calculated from the date of their retirement. During the pendency of these Writ Petitions, the University i.e. the Respondent No.1 has already released the pension and other retirement benefits of all the six Petitioners. Only question that would, therefore, survive

how for a decision of this Court in these Writ Petitions is, as to whether, the Petitioners would be entitled to interest on the said amount due to the delay in release of the pension/retirement benefits and if so, at what rate and also who shall be responsible for bearing such amount.

2. While the Respondent No.1-University has stated that the delay was due to the lapses on the part of the State Government, the State has taken a stand that it was clearly on account of the omissions on the part of the University that there was delay in disbursement of the pension. Therefore, only for hearing arguments of all the interested parties on the above point, let this Writ Petitions be listed again on 28th April, 2026.

3. In the meanwhile, both parties are granted liberty to file written notes of arguments.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

(SUMAN SHYAM, J.)