



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 2089 OF 2016

RAMJI THAVARA RATHOD AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 2091 OF 2016

DATTATRAYA BABAN SURWASE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 2096 OF 2016

SIDDHESHWAR DHARMAPPA BIRAJDAR AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 3012 OF 2016

SHASHIKANT VIJAYKUMAR DHAYGUDE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 3013 OF 2016

BHIMRAO VINAYAK RATHOD AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Shri N.P. Patil Jamalpurkar, advocate for the petitioners (through VC).

Dr. Kalpalata Patil Bharaswadkar, Addl. GP for respondent Nos.1 to 6/ State.

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CORAM : KISHORE C. SANT
&
SUSHIL M. GHODESWAR, JJ.

DATE : 08 May 2026

PER COURT (*Per Sushil M. Ghodeswar, J.*):-

1. The learned advocate for the petitioners submits that the controversy involved in these petitions is identical to the issue considered in the group of petitions led by Writ Petition No.2087 of 2016 (*Yuvraj S/o Santrao Bhole Vs. The State of Maharashtra and others*), decided by this Court on 07.05.2026. It is submitted that these petitions were left out from the said group and therefore, these petitions may also be disposed of in terms of the order dated 07.05.2026.

2. The learned advocate for the petitioners further submits that the State Authorities may be directed to frame an appropriate policy within a specific timeline instead of merely directing the State to consider framing such policy. According to him, unless a specific direction is issued, the issue may not

receive due attention at the hands of the State Government.

3. The learned AGP opposes the aforesaid submission and submits that this Court, while deciding Writ Petition No.2087 of 2016 and connected matters on 07.05.2026, has already considered all relevant aspects and issued appropriate directions. It is, therefore, submitted that no further or modified directions are required.

4. We have considered the submissions. We find that the issue involved in the present petitions is squarely covered by the detailed order dated 07.05.2026 passed in Writ Petition No.2087 of 2016 and connected matters. The directions issued therein shall govern these petitions also.

5. So far as the submission regarding issuance of further mandatory directions to the State Government for framing policy within a particular timeline is concerned, we find that the said aspect has already been considered while passing the order dated 07.05.2026. The operative directions issued therein adequately take care of the grievance raised by the petitioners. Hence, no separate or additional directions are required to be issued in these petitions.

6. In view of the above, these Writ Petitions stand disposed of in terms of the order dated 07.05.2026 passed in Writ Petition No.2087 of 2016 and connected matters.

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(SUSHIL M. GHODESWAR, J.)

(KISHORE C. SANT, J.)