

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

**CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 910 OF 2025
IN SMPIL/1/2018
WITH
SUO MOTO (PIL) NO. 1 OF 2018**

THE REGISTRAR JUDICIAL HIGH COURT OF
JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY BENCH AT AURANGABAD
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Ms.Kulkarni Rashmi S, Advocate for the Petitioner/ Applicant.
Shri A.B. Girase, GP for Respondent Nos.1 to 5, 7 and 10/State.
Shri U.B. Bondar, Advocate for Respondent Nos.6 and 8.
Shri B.B. Kulkarni, Standing Counsel for Respondent No.11.

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**CORAM : MANGESH S. PATIL
&
PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, JJ.**

DATE : 07th February, 2025

Per Court :-

By way of this Civil Application, the Project Director of Samagra Shiksha Office, Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad, Mumbai, Jawahar Bal-Bhavan, Netaji Subhash Road, Maharashtra-400004, has been sought to be added as respondent No.12.

2. The Civil Application is allowed. Amendment be carried out within one week.

3. Issue notice to respondent No.12 being added, returnable on 26.03.2025.

4. Respondent No.12 Project Officer is directed for the time being to assist the State Level Committee as and when called upon by it.

5. Pursuant to the directions contained in paragraph 7 of the order dated 20.09.2024, the learned Government Pleader tenders across the bar a copy of Government Resolution dated 29.10.2024 for composition of the State Level Committee and the names of individual members as also amenities available to the Committee and its members. The parties are *ad idem* that pursuant to earlier directions as regards the staff is concerned, it would be responsibility of the Director of Education (Primary), Maharashtra State, Pune, who is convener, to make available staff for the assistance of the State Level Committee.

6. In respect of the directions contained in paragraph 6 of the order dated 20.09.2024, the learned Government Pleader submits that he has received information that has to be collated and an affidavit in reply is to be filed, but it will take sometime and assures of filing such affidavit in reply by the next date.

7. It is being pointed out that an attempt has been made for composition of the District Level Committees pursuant to the earlier orders. Except at five places, the District Level Committees could be established. For want of willingness from the retired Principal District and Sessions Judges at Nashik, Jalna, Parbhani, Hingoli and Nanded, the Committees could not be constituted at those places.

8. In the light of the directions contained in the order dated 20.09.2024, the Principal District Judges from these places may continue to explore availability of services of retired Principal District and Sessions Judges. However, by way of interim measure and direction, the Collector of the concerned district, for the time being, shall chair the District Level Committee at these places and shall discharge the function as has been indicated and directed in the earlier orders and report compliance to the State Level Committee.

9. All District Level Committees shall now prepare a report regarding infrastructure and its condition in respect of the schools being run by the local authorities/ bodies and submit such reports to the State Level Committee within six weeks.

10. Once such reports are prepared and submitted by the District Level Committees to the State Level Committee, we request the State Level Committee to undertake an exercise of comparing information uploaded on the UDISE with the reports of the District Level Committees. If the State Level Committee forms an opinion and has some suggestions after such comparison, let those be informed to the Court in an objective manner.

11. Stand over to 26.03.2025.

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(PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.) (MANGESH S. PATIL, J.)