



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO.4545 OF 2026

M/s. Homeopathic Medical College, through its Principal Akola and anr.

Vs.

EPFO, Akola and ors.

*Office Notes, Office Memoranda of
Coram, appearances, Court's Orders
or directions and Registrar's order*

Court's or Judge's Order

Mr. Apurv De, Advocate for petitioners.

CORAM : ROHIT W. JOSHI, J.

DATE : 09.06.2026.

1. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on **24.06.2026.**

2. The appellants are directed to serve the respondents by Speed Post, in addition to regular mode of service and file affidavit of service before the returnable date.

3. Learned advocate for the petitioners states that the total amount sought to be recovered from the petitioner is to the tune of Rs.15,58,541/-.

4. Learned advocate makes a statement that out of the said amount, an amount of Rs.11,48,032/- is already recovered by respondent Nos.1 and 2. Learned advocate contends that the demand of damages and interest on the unpaid provident fund for the period from May, 2017 to June 2024.

5. The learned Advocate has drawn attention to the Circular dated 15.05.2020, whereby respondent No.1

directed that, in view of the Covid-19 situation, the provisions of Section 14-B of the EPF Act should not be invoked in cases of delay in making employer's contribution during the lock-down period.

6. In view of the aforesaid, effect and operation of order dated 09.10.2025 and 13.10.2025 passed by the Assistant Provident Fund, Commissioner, Akola shall remained stayed till further orders.

7. *Hamdast* Granted.

(ROHIT W. JOSHI, J.)

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