

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.11 OF 2026

Tanaji Vishwas Nalawade & Anr.

...Petitioners

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra & Ors.

...Respondents

Ms. Ahilya T. Nalawade, for the Petitioners.

Mr. S. B. Kalel, AGP, for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Vijay Killedar, for Respondent No.7.

**Coram: Madhav J. Jamdar &
Pravin S. Patil, JJ.**

Date: April 20, 2026

P.C.:

1. In this Public Interest Litigation, a very important issue regarding the implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 has been raised. By Order dated 4th March 2026, we directed the Respondents to file Affidavit-in-Reply on or before 25th March 2026.

2. Today, Mr. Kalel, learned AGP, submits that the reply of Respondent No.5-Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Maharashtra State, Mumbai has been filed. However, the reply of Respondent No.3-The Principal Secretary, School Education Ministry will be very important. Mr. Kalel, learned AGP, seeks time till 27th April 2026 to file the reply.

3. It is made very clear that this time is granted as a last chance and if the reply is not filed on or before 27th April 2026, this Court will proceed with the hearing of the Writ Petition by assuming that the contentions raised in the Public Interest Litigation have remained uncontroverted.

4. Stand over to **28th April 2026 at 02:30 pm.**

[Pravin S. Patil, J.]

[Madhav J. Jamdar, J.]