

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

**WRIT PETITION NO. 11702 OF 2018**

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| Vaibhav Lahu Umap & Anr.        | ... Petitioners |
| <b>V/S.</b>                     |                 |
| The State of Maharashtra & Ors. | ... Respondents |

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO.5375 OF 2021**

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| Reshma Gafur Mujawar & Anr.     | ... Petitioners |
| <b>V/S.</b>                     |                 |
| The State of Maharashtra & Ors. | ... Respondents |

Mr. Prashant Bhavake for the petitioners.

Mr. Tejas J. Kapre, AGP for respondent Nos.1 and 2.

Mr. Vijay Killedar with Mr. Shivraj Jagadale for respondent No.4.

Mr. Sharad S. Gosavi, Director of Education (Primary), Maharashtra State, Pune is present.

**CORAM : ANIL L. PANSARE &  
RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, JJ.**

**DATED : MAY 5, 2026**

**P.C.:**

1. In response to the order dated 22nd April 2026, Mr. Sharad S. Gosavi, Director of Education (Primary), Maharashtra State, Pune, submits that his office did not place before him the

communication requiring his presence before the Court, and therefore he did not appear before the Court on the previous date. He further submits that necessary action has been initiated against the erring officials. He further submits that he will forthwith give instructions to the learned AGP. Statement is accepted.

2. At the request of Mr. Sharad S. Gosavi, Director of Education (Primary), Maharashtra State, Pune, the order issuing non-bailable warrant is recalled.

3. Reply shall be filed by respondent No.3 within fourteen working days from today, failing which the petition shall proceed without reply and an adverse inference will be drawn against respondent No.3.

4. In the meantime, the other respondents may also file reply, if so desired. A copy of the reply shall be served on the petitioners' counsel in advance.

5. One of the questions that requires consideration is whether, on the date when the petitioners were declared surplus, was there a policy of State Government to absorb the Assistant Teacher (Probationary) (Shikshan Sevak).

6. The petitioners shall place before us the policy then existing that would enable them to claim absorption in other school after having been declared surplus.

7. Stand over to **23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026.**

(**RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, J.**)

(**ANIL L. PANSARE, J.**)