

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 3971 OF 2018

Vasant Appasaheb Arage ... Petitioner

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Rushikesh D. Jagdale a/w. Ms. Neha Farakate i/b. Mr. Sagar Mane for the Petitioner.

Mr. R.P. Kadam, A.G.P. for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Abhijeet Desai i/b. Mr. Nitin Deshpande for the Respondent No.3.

Coram : ANIL L. PANSARE &
RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, JJ.

Date : 29th April 2026.

P. C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties for some time.
2. The Respondent No.2 – Dy. Director of Education has not filed reply. When enquired, learned A.G.P. submits that the reply need not be filed saying that the grievance put forth by the Petitioner is against the Respondent No.3 - Rayat Shikshan Sanstha.
3. We have gone through the Petition. One of the averments is that on 11th August 2014, the Respondent No.2 informed the Principal to submit

proposal to grant individual approval. Since the Respondent No.2 do not wish to file reply, the said averment made by the Petitioner will have to be accepted.

4. In that view of the matter, we call upon Respondent No.2 to explain the steps taken by him in respect of non-compliance of his directions, since Respondent No.2 is under an obligation to supervise and approve the filling of posts by aided and unaided schools, and having himself informed the Principal of the school to submit the proposal, it was incumbent upon him to ensure due compliance. His failure has caused the Petitioner to approach this Court. We may, therefore, consider directing Respondent No.2 to bear the costs of litigation incurred by the Petitioner.

5. Stand over to 4th May 2026.

[RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, J.]

[ANIL L. PANSARE, J.]

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