

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.1246 OF 2024**

The G. K. Gujar Memorial
Charitable Trust & Anr.Petitioners
Vs.
Shivaji University Kolhapur & Ors.Respondents

Adv. Druti Datar (Through VC), for the Petitioners.
Mr. Avinash Belge (Through VC), for the Respondent.
Mrs. S. N. Deshmukh, AGP, for the Respondents-State.

CORAM : S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR, J.

DATED : 23rd DECEMBER 2025

PC:-

1. On 22nd December 2025, this Court directed Respondent No.3 to file affidavit clarifying as to whether Dearness Allowance payable to employees of aided technical institutions is *mutatis mutandis* applicable to employees of unaided schools/institution.
2. Today, affidavit is filed by Dr. Vinod Mohitkar, Director, Technical Education, Maharashtra State, Mumbai clarifying that there is no specific rule regarding applicability of Dearness Allowance to employees of unaided private institutions at par with Government employees and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) would be appropriate authority to clarify this issue.

3. The Petitioner to add AICTE as party Respondent to Petition. Amendment be carried within a period of two weeks from today.

4. Issue notice to added Respondent returnable on **22nd January 2026**.

5. The Petitioner shall be at liberty to serve AICTE by private mode in addition to regular service. AICTE shall file affidavit in respect of issue raised in this Petition by returnable date.

(S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR, J.)

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