

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**  
**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**  
**CRIMINAL PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 69 OF 2013**

Ravindra Umakant Talpe & Anr. ..Petitioners  
versus  
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ..Respondents

Mr. U. P. Warunjikar with Mr. S. Pilankar for Petitioners.  
Ms P. P. Shinde – APP for State.  
Mr. B. V. Samant – AGP for State.

**CORAM: S. C. DHARMADHIKARI &**  
**SMT. BHARATI HARISH DANGRE, JJ.**

**DATE : 31ST JANUARY, 2018**

**P. C. :**

1] Heard Mr. Warunjikar. Mr. Warunjikar after inviting our attention to the order dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017, seeks time to file a comprehensive affidavit of the petitioners which would according to Mr. Warunjikar highlight the subsisting grievances. If there are 556 Ashram schools belonging to the Government and 555 Ashram schools which are private and which receive aid from the Government, then, we would expect Mr. Warunjikar to give specific instances of such Ashram schools which are lacking even basic amenities and facilities which would then be not in a position to prevent the deaths of the inmates or cases of their ill health and mal nourishment and mal nutrition. If such an affidavit is filed citing the instances then we would request Mr. Samant who has now agreed to appear for the Tribal Development Department through its Secretary to take complete instructions. We would like all the committees whether at Taluka level or at the apex level to be functional and fully acquainted with

the grievances which are highlighted in the report of Tata Institute of Social Science or would be brought to our notice by Mr. Warunjikar and placed before this Court.

2] If this Court issues such directions as are earlier issued, then it is expected that somebody monitors and supervises working of all the committees and familiarise herself / himself with the condition and status of the Ashram schools in general. It is not possible for this Court to go on monitoring school wise or taluka wise the prevailing status and conditions in the Ashram schools.

3] On the next occasion, we would expect either the Secretary or the Commissioner in the Department of Tribal Development to remain present in this Court with the original records.

4] Stand over to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

(SMT. BHARATI H. DANGRE, J.)

(S. C. DHARMADHIKARI, J.)

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