



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

931 WRIT PETITION NO. 2486 OF 2024

SACHIN ASHOK NIKAM
VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH GOVERNOR AND OTHERS

Mr.S.G.Magre, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr.A.B.Girase, Govt.Pleader for the Respondent/State.

(CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND
R.M. JOSHI, JJ.)

DATE : MARCH 5, 2024

PER COURT :

1. The Petitioner is before this Court seeking quashing of a circular issued by the Registrar of the Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar bearing No.2024 dated 23.02.2024, which indicates as under :-

“ विद्यापीठ प्रशासनाच्या वतीने कळविण्यांत येते की, प्रस्तुत विद्यापीठ, उपपरिसर धाराशिव, मॉडेल कॉलेज घनसावंगी, संतपीठ पैठण, आद्यकवी मुकुंदराज अध्यासन केंद्र आणि किनारपट्टी व सागरी नैविक विविधता केंद्र, भाटये, जि.रत्नागिरी येथील परिसरात यापुढे कोणत्याही स्वरूपाच्या सभा, बैठका व तत्सम कार्यक्रमासाठी विद्यापीठ प्रशासनाची पूर्व परवानगी आवश्यक आहे.

विद्यापीठ प्रशासनाच्या पूर्वपरवानगी शिवाय विद्यापीठ परिसरात कोणत्याही स्वरूपाच्या सभा, बैठका व तत्सम कार्यक्रम आयोजित केल्यास योग्य ती कायदेशीर कारवाई केली जाईल,

कृपया, याबाबत अशा प्रकारचे कार्यक्रम आयोजित करणा-या सर्व संबंधितांनी याची नोंद घ्यावी.”

2. The learned AGP is right in raising an objection as regards the locus standi of the Petitioner who claims to be a social worker and a political leader. Recently, there was a ruckus in the University at the behest of unknown persons. They were wearing masks / scarfs, riding triple seat on 2 wheelers, not wearing helmets, they carried sticks and bamboos in their hands and they created a scene of terror in the University Premises. There was a great disturbance in the chamber of the Vice Chancellor and surrounding areas of the University. It is in this backdrop that the said circular has been issued to ensure that no meetings, gatherings of strangers, unknown persons or holding functions, etc. would be permitted without the leave / permission of the administration of the University.

3. We do not find any reason to doubt the bonafides of the University. It is their premises and the University Administration is duty bound to protect those premises. The circular cannot be branded or termed as being perverse or erroneous.

4. **This Petition is, therefore, dismissed.** We were to impose

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costs of Rs.50,000/- on the Petitioner. The learned Advocate for the Petitioner pleaded that the Petitioner does not have the means to pay / deposit costs. As such, costs are not being imposed.

(R.M.JOSHI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)