

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT SPECIAL LOK ADALAT  
PROCEEDINGS OFCivil Appeal No(s). 1474/2016

DR. PANJABRAO KRISHI VIDYAPEETH, AKOLA  
THROUGH ITS VICE CHANCELLOR & ANR.  
Appellant(s)

VERSUS

DATTOPANT S/O LALCHANDSA BHAVSAR (DEAD) THR. LRS.  
Respondent(s)

WITH

C.A. No. 1475/2016 (III)

Date : 22-08-2026

PRESENT : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI  
SHRI GOPAL SANKARANARAYANAN, SENIOR ADVOCATE  
SHRI TALHA ABDUL RAHMAN, ADVOCATE-ON-RECORD

For Appellant(s) : M/S. S. M. Jadhav And Company, AOR

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Deepak Goel, AOR  
Ms. Alka Goyal, Adv.  
Ms. Archana Preeti Gupta, Adv.

A W A R D

1. We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties and interacted with the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Akola. We have also had an interaction with Ms. Shilpa Chauhan, Vice-Chancellor/Deputy Registrar, Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola.

2. The parties are *ad-idem* that the matters have been settled in terms of the Settlement Agreement dated 18.07.2026 incorporating the terms of settlement *vide* letter bearing O.W.

No. BGA/19/2014/1474 dated 15.07.2026. The terms of settlement are as under:

Accordingly, the University is willing to settle the matter, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The decision/order passed by the Lok Adalat conducted through the Hon'ble Supreme Court in respect of the Special Leave Petition No. 18827/2026 filed by the University against Shri Dattopant Bhavsar shall remain confined to the present matter/cases specifically covered by the settlement and shall not be treated as a precedent or made applicable to any other cases arising in future.

2. As per the discussion held in the chamber of the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Akola, on 19/06/2026, the process of calculation of the retirement pension and other admissible benefits payable to Shri Dattopant Bhavsar has already been initiated. The said calculation is likely to require a minimum period of one to one and a half months.

After completion of the calculation, the proposal shall be forwarded to the concerned office for obtaining financial sanction. Thereafter, the proposal shall be forwarded through the concerned office to the Government for necessary approval. The said process may require a further period of at least two to three months.

Therefore, payment of the amount shall be made only after the necessary approval and sanction is accorded by the Government and the required funds are made available to the University.

It is further submitted that the respondent/respondent's advocate has submitted an affidavit stating that, in the event of approval and payment of the sanctioned amount at a later stage, no interest shall be claimed on the arrears.

After receipt of the required funds from the Government, the sanctioned amount shall be deposited into the bank account of the person legally entitled to receive the same, as specified in the legal here certificate/consent letter submitted by the respondent.

All above terms and conditions are agreed."

3. Ms. Shilpa Chauhan made it very clear that as far as the respondent-deceased, Late Shri Dattopant, is concerned, his legal representatives have already obtained necessary heirship documents and authorized one of the legal representatives to receive the amount.

4. During our interaction with Ms. Shilpa Chauhan, she undertook that the approval for payment is merely a formality and assured that the payment will be made within a period of two months from the date of approval.

5. In any event if the payment is not made within the agreed period, liberty is granted to the aggrieved party to revive the appeal(s).

6. Accordingly, the appeals stand disposed of as having been settled in terms of the settlement with the aforesaid liberty.

7. We record our appreciation for the learned counsel for the parties; the Secretary, DLSA, Akola; Ms. Shilpa Chauhan, Vice-Chancellor/Deputy Registrar, Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola for having positively approached the matter and having worked out the settlement.

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