

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION (ST.) NO.10916 OF 2026

Viraj Pramod Pawar & Anr.

.. Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and Ors.

.. Respondents

Mr.Abhijeet A. Desai, Ms.Mohini A. Desai (Rehpade), Mr.Vijay P. Singh, Ms.Daksha M. Punghana and Mr.Deepesh Ramrakhiani i/b M/s.Desai Legal LLP, Advocate for the Petitioners.

Mr.Rui Rodrigues a/w Mr.Jainendra Sheth, Advocate for Respondent No.2/N.T.A.

Dr.Dhruti Kapadia, Advocate for Respondent No.5/CET Cell

Ms.Kavita N. Solunke, Addl.G.P. for the Respondent/ State

**CORAM: R. I. CHAGLA &
FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, JJ.**

DATE: AUGUST 21, 2026

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1. The learned counsel for the Petitioners states that the Respondents have been served by email communication and copies of the emails have been tendered which are taken on record and marked 'X'

collectively. An Affidavit of Service shall be filed to that effect in the course of today.

2. This Writ Petition has been moved on the ground of urgency in view of the Petitioners' result having not been declared for Re-NEET (UG) 2026 examination held on 21st June 2026. The results of other candidates who had appeared for the said exam had been declared on 16th July 2026. As per the revised schedule for admission to MBBS/BDS (Group A) courses for Academic Year 2026-27, candidates are to report / join by today. Further, publication of revised Registered Candidates List is scheduled on 23rd August 2026.

3. The learned counsel for the Petitioners has brought to the notice of this Court that the Show Cause Notice which had been issued to the Petitioners on 15th July 2026 pertains to another examination of NEET (UG) 2026 held on 3rd May 2026 and this was pursuant to a complaint made on 15th June 2026. The Petitioners, as stated aforesaid, had appeared for the examination on 21st June 2026, for which they are seeking, as and by way of an interim order, declaration of results.

4. The Petitioners have replied to the Show Cause Notices on 17th June 2026 and inspite of their response to the Show Cause Notices, there is no further action taken by the Respondent No.2, NTA.

5. The learned counsel for the Petitioners has also relied upon a decision of the Aurangabad Bench of this Court wherein the same complaint made on 15th June 2026 has been referred to and in that case Charge Sheet came to be filed by CBI on 28th July 2026. The Petitioners therein were not made accused in the Charge Sheet. Further, they have been stated as witnesses. The CBI had no objection for declaration of results of the Petitioners. The Aurangabad bench of this Court considered that, as per schedule, 12th August 2026 is the last date for filing admission form and accordingly, directed Respondent No.2 NTA to declare the results of the Petitioner by the next date viz. 11th August 2026 by 11 a.m. The said Order dated 10th August 2026 passed by this Court, Aurangabad Bench, is annexed at Page 51 to the Petition.

6. Considering that the Petitioners are similarly placed as the Petitioners in Writ Petition No.8589 of 2026 and Writ Petition No.8912 of 2026, which are the subject matter of the Order dated 10th August 2026, we pass a similar interim order in the present matter as under:

a. Though the last date for registration - reporting / joining as per Schedule – II for CAP-1 of MBBS/BDS (Group A) of Round 1 of Re-NEET (UG) 2026 is 22nd August 2026, Ms.Kapadia, the learned counsel for the Respondent No.5 State CET Cell, states that there is further revision and the schedule will be made available to this Court in the course of today.

b. We, as and by way of interim order, direct Respondent No.2 NTA to declare the Re-NEET 2026 Examination result of the Petitioners by today and allow the Petitioners to participate in CAP-1 of MBBS/BDS by registering through offline mode.

c. Respondent No.1 shall file its Affidavit in Reply to the Writ Petition within a period of one week from today, i.e. on or before 28th August 2026.

d. This order is subject to the outcome of the present Petition and the Petitioner shall not claim any equities by virtue of this order being passed.

e. Writ Petition shall be placed for further consideration on 11th September 2026.

g. At this stage, Ms.Kapadia, the learned counsel for Respondent No.5, has shared with this Court the Revised Schedule II for CAP-1 for admission to MBBS/BDS (Group A) for academic year 2026-27 vide Notice No.10 issued on 19th August 2026 where it is mentioned that Online / Offline Registration and Session shall be applicable from 20th August 2026 to 21st August 2026 upto 8 p.m.

h. Issue notice to Respondent No.1 and 3 who have not made an appearance despite private service, to remain present on the next date.

[FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.]

[R. I. CHAGLA, J.]