

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 12163 OF 2025

Janhvi Sandip Gaikwad

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

... Respondents

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Mr. Saurabh P. Tandale a/w Mr. Sanket Choughule h/f Sushant
Yeramwar for the Petitioner.

Mr. S.B. Kalel, AGP for the Respondent - State.
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**Coram : M. S. Karnik &
Ajit B. Kadethankar, JJ.**

Date : November 12, 2025.

P. C. :

1. Heard learned Counsel for the petitioner and the learned AGP
for the respondent – State.

2. The respondent no.2 – Committee is directed to decide tribe
claim of the petitioner which is pending since 3rd April 2024 within a
period of 16 weeks from 19th November 2025.

3. The petitioner shall remain present before the respondent no.2 –
Committee along with copy of this order on 19th November 2025.

4. Till then, no coercive steps will be taken against the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner has not been able to furnish the caste validity certificate. The petitioner shall not claim any equity in case, his caste claim is validated.

5. The Writ Petition is disposed of. All contentions are kept open.

[Ajit B. Kadethankar, J.]

[M. S. Karnik]