



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

939 WRIT PETITION NO. 324 OF 2026

BHAGYASHRI SUDHAKAR WARKALE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND
ANOTHER

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Mr. Sunil Mahadevappa Vibhute, Advocate for the Petitioner
Mr. S. P. Sonpawale, AGP for Respondent-State

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**CORAM : SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

DATED : 09/01/2026

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1. Heard.

2. By this writ petition, the petitioner is seeking a direction to respondent No.2 / Caste Scrutiny Committee to decide expeditiously the appeal preferred by the petitioner challenging the rejection of issuance of the caste certificate.

3. Learned AGP has placed on record a copy of the order passed by respondent No.2 / Caste Scrutiny Committee dated 30/09/2025, by which the appeal preferred by the petitioner has already been dismissed for non-prosecution.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner shall appear before respondent No.2 / Caste Scrutiny Committee and shall make an application for restoration of the said appeal. If

such an application is filed, respondent No.2 / Caste Scrutiny Committee shall consider the same on its own merits and decide it in accordance with law.

5. In the event respondent No.2 / Caste Scrutiny Committee restores the appeal filed by the petitioner, which came to be dismissed for non-prosecution, respondent No.2 / Caste Scrutiny Committee shall make an endeavour to decide the said appeal as expeditiously as possible and in any case, within a period of four months thereafter.

6. With these directions, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.) (SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)