



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

920 WRIT PETITION NO. 2770 OF 2026

BALASAHEB MANIK BILPE

VERSUS

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Piratwad Prakash M.

AGP/APP for Respondent/State : Mr. V.M. Jaware

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

DATE : 13.03.2026

PER COURT : (PER : ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

. Heard.

2. This petition is filed for limited purpose of seeking direction to respondent No.2/SDO to decide application tendered by the petitioner seeking caste certificate in Form 'C' under 'The Maharashtra Scheduled Tribes (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of) Certificate Rules, 2003 which is pending since 04.08.2025.

3. Since, an innocuous prayer has been made, we direct the respondent No.2/SDO to decide the application dated 04.08.2025 as expeditiously as possible and in any case within a period of six weeks from today in accordance with law and on its own merits.

3. With these directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)