



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

926 WRIT PETITION NO. 2781 OF 2026

LAXMAN GANPATI WALHE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND ANR

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Anil Prakashrao Piratwad

AGP/APP for Respondent/State : Mr. N.B. Patil

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

DATE : 13.03.2026

PER COURT :

. 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 20.02.2026.

3. Since, an innocuous prayer has been made, we direct the respondent No.2/SDO to decide the application dated 20.02.2026 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.

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

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)