



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 3002 OF 2026

**MANTHAN MANOJ BHALE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH
ITS SECRETARY AND ANOTHER**

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**Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Jadhavar Pratap V.
AGP for Respondents: Mr. S.P. Sonpawale**

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

DATE : 23.03.2026

PER COURT:

1. The petitioner possesses a caste certificate but in incorrect format. He has submitted the online application on 09/12/2024 for issuance of a fresh certificate in Form 'C'.

2. The writ petition is disposed of directing the petitioner to appear before respondent No.2/Sub Divisional Officer, Dharashiv, within a period of one week, tender the original caste certificate which is in incorrect format, and respondent No.2 shall issue him a certificate in Form 'C' within a period of seven days thereafter, without undertaking any enquiry regarding his entitlement and simply by examining its genuineness.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)