



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 3196 OF 2026

BALAJI CHAMBAS VIBHUTE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARSHTRA THROUGH SECRETARY AND ANR

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Khadap Rahul D

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

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

DATE : 25.03.2026

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

. Not on Board. Taken on Board.

2. The application filed by the petitioner seeking caste certificate of belonging to 'Mala Jangam' Scheduled Caste is stated to have been pending with the respondent No.2/SDO since 27.09.2023.

3. We therefore, direct the respondent No.2/SDO to decide the said application, if not already decided, within a period of four weeks from today on its own merits and in accordance with law.

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

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)