



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 4520 OF 2026

VIJAY KAILAS PUNGLE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH SECRETARY AND ORS

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Bhagwat Nilesh N.

AGP for Respondents: Mr. N.B. Patil

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

DATE : 04.05.2026

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

1. Heard.
2. This petition has been filed for a limited purpose for seeking direction to the respondent No.2 - Sub-Divisional Officer to decide the application tendered by the petitioner seeking caste certificate of belonging to 'Maratha-Kunbi' Other Backward Class.
3. Since an innocuous prayer has been made, we direct the respondent No.2-Sub-Divisional Officer, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, to decide the application dated 19.09.2025, filed by the petitioner, as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of four (4) weeks from today. With this direction, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)