

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 163 OF 2026

Pranjal Ashok Yelpale

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. Ratan L. Adhe for the Petitioner.

Ms. T.J. Kapre, A.G.P. for the Respondent-State.

Coram : R.G. AVACHAT &
AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, JJ.

Date : 19th January 2026.

PER COURT :

1. The Petitioner's caste claim is pending before Respondent No. 2-Scrutiny Committee since September 2024. The Petitioner apprehends that her admission may be cancelled for non-production of the caste validity certificate.
2. We dispose of the Writ Petition with directions to the Respondent No.2-Scrutiny Committee to decide the Caste Validity claim of the Petitioner within a period of six months from today.

3. Until the caste claim of the Petitioner is decided, no coercive action shall be taken against the Petitioner.

4. Petition is disposed of.

[AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, J.]

[R.G. AVACHAT, J.]

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