

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.1952 OF 2026

Krushant Shivaji Barad

...Petitioner

V/s.

State of Maharashtra & Ors

...Respondents

Mr. S. P. Patil (Through VC), counsel for petitioner.

Mr. Vikas M. Mali, AGP for respondents-State.

**Coram : Madhav J. Jamdar &
Pravin S. Patil, JJ.**

Date : May 6, 2026.

P. C. :

- 1.** The petitioner herein challenges the legality and correctness of the order dated 22nd April 2026 passed by the Maharashtra Administrative Tribunal, Mumbai, in pending Original Application No. 372 of 2026, whereby the interim relief prayed by the petitioner came to be rejected.
- 2.** Perusal of the facts of the matter shows that in the recruitment process for the post of Police Constable, the petitioner had applied from the OBC category (Home Guard) and secured 77 marks out of 100 marks in the written examination.

3. According to the petitioner, there was an arbitrary change in the answer key and thereby he was denied the marks to which he was entitled. As such, he could not secure the desired marks in the examination.

4. The learned Tribunal, while considering the grievance raised by the petitioner, has recorded cogent reasons and specifically observed that, “when it is merely a matter of answer to only one question, out of 100 questions, in our considered view balance of convenience does not weigh in favour of the applicant, in as much as 100 of other candidates who have been participating in the recruitment process would face inconvenience”. As such learned Tribunal by applying Judicial mind and considering the consequences, rightly rejected the prayer of interim relief of petitioner.

5. In view of the above, we do not find any merit in the present matter.

6. The writ petition stands disposed of with no order as to costs.

[Pravin S. Patil, J.]

[Madhav J. Jamdar, J.]