



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO.15358 OF 2025

Jagdish Jairam Tabib

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.... Respondents

Adv. R. K. Mendadkar, for the Petitioner.

Mr. N. C. Walimbe, Addl.G.P a/w Smt. D. S. Deshmukh, AGP, for
the Respondent-State.

**CORAM : M. S. KARNIK &
S. M. MODAK, JJ.**

DATE : 27th JANUARY, 2026

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The Writ Petition can be disposed of by directing the Respondent No.2 to decide the application dated 22nd August 2024 made by the Petitioner to the Sub Divisional Officer for issuance of fresh certificate as belonging to 'Koli Mahadev, Scheduled Tribe' considering the law laid down by this Court in Prakash s/o Subhash Bhople vs. Deputy Collector (General), Latur and others decided on 14th August 2014 in Writ Petition No.4536 of 2014. It is

the case of the Petitioner that the Petitioner has been issued with the caste certificate as belonging to 'Mahadev Koli', but the nomenclature is incorrect as the certificate issued should have stated that the Petitioner belongs to 'Koli Mahadev'. The application dated 22nd August 2024 to be decided expeditiously and in any case within a period of six weeks from the date of communication of this order.

3. The Writ Petition is disposed of.

(S. M. MODAK, J.)

(M. S. KARNIK, J.)