

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 3429 OF 2026

Ganesh Chandrakant Mali ... Petitioner
versus
State of Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

...
Mr.Devakinandan R. Singh for the Petitioner.
Mr.O.A. Chandurkar, Addl.GP for the Respondent -State.
Ms.Priyanka Chavan for the Respondent - Union of India.

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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
ABHAY MANTRI, JJ.**

DATE : MARCH 13, 2026

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1. The Petitioner is a Commonwealth Games medal winner. He was appointed in the Armed Forces through the sports quota. He has completed only ten years out of the initial contractual engagement period of twenty years. This issue, therefore, needs to be decided by the Armed Forces Tribunal, before whom the proceedings are pending, registered as Original Application No. 140 of 2025.
2. The grievance of the Petitioner is that the next date of hearing in the matter is scheduled on 20.04.2026.
3. After two extensions to join the State of Maharashtra service as a Class I officer, and in the backdrop of the Commanding Officer having

given his no-objection to relieve the Petitioner from the Armed Forces, since he is occupying a non-critical post as a Clerk, the period for joining the State service, would expire on 31.03.2026.

4. It is in the above peculiar circumstances that we request the Armed Forces Tribunal at Mumbai to list Original Application No. 140 of 2025 on 17.03.2026. Notice be served on the Non-Applicants, and the matter be heard expeditiously for passing orders, on or before 31.03.2026.

In the alternative, if the Petitioner moves an application for an extension of joining time with the State of Maharashtra, the said application would also be considered by the Armed Forces Tribunal.

5. This **Writ Petition is disposed off** with the above observations and request.

6. A printout of this order shall be obtained by the Petitioner from the official website of the Bombay High Court and he shall produce it before the Armed Forces Tribunal on Monday, i.e., 16.03.2026.

(ABHAY MANTRI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)