

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

***WRIT PETITION NO.3695 OF 2026***

Bhagwan Shankar Gaikwad and Anr. ...Petitioners  
Versus  
State of Maharashtra and Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Yash Naik for the Petitioners.

Mr. Karan S. Thorat, 'B' Panel Counsel for the Respondents– State.

***CORAM: BHARATI DANGRE &  
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ.***

***DATE : 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026***

***P.C. :***

1. Issue notice to the respondents. Mr. Thorat waives notice on behalf of the respondents-State, who undertake to file an affidavit-in-reply within a period of four weeks from today with a liberty to the petitioners to file a rejoinder within a period of two weeks thereafter.
2. Stand over to **6<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

***MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.***

***BHARATI DANGRE, J.***