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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.3886 OF 2026

Harshada Chandrakant Thakur

...Petitioner

*Versus*

State of Maharashtra and Ors.

...Respondents

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

Mr. S.H. Kankal, AGP for the State.

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CORAM : R.I. CHAGLA AND  
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, JJ.

DATE : 27TH MARCH, 2026

ORDER :

1. Mr. Mendadkar, the learned Counsel appearing for the Petitioner has tendered a draft amendment for adding prayer Clause (c) as and by way of interim prayer. Accordingly, the Petitioner is permitted to amend the prayers in the Petition in terms of draft amendment which is taken on record and marked 'X' for identification. Amendment shall be carried out forthwith.

2. This Writ Petition has been moved on the ground of

urgency in view of communication dated 7th March, 2026 issued by the Respondent No.3 – Symbiosis International (Deemed University) whereby they have directed the admission of inter alia the Petitioner to be provisional and shall be subject to fulfillment of eligibility conditions including the submission of caste validity certificate and payment of fees on or before 27th March, 2026.

3. Mr. Mendadkar states that the Respondents including Respondent No.3 has been served with the Petition and notice of today's date, inspite of which Respondent No.3 has not made an appearance.

4. Mr. Mendadkar states that though the application for caste validity certificate had been made way back on 2nd December, 2022, the Respondent No.2 – Scrutiny Committee has not yet decided the application. In view thereof the submission of caste validity certificate as an eligibility condition imposed by the Respondent No.3 – Symbiosis International (Deemed University) vide the said communication dated 7th March, 2026 cannot be complied with by the Petitioner. He has accordingly sought for ad-interim relief viz. direction to the Respondent No.3 not to cancel admission of the

Petitioner in Master of Business Administration (Information Technology Business Management) granted on 24th March, 2026 for want of caste validity certificate from Respondent No.2 – Scrutiny Committee.

5. We have heard the submissions and considering that today is the last day for submission of caste validity certificate and that Respondent No.2 – Scrutiny Committee has not considered the application of the Petitioner filed way back on 2nd December, 2022, we direct that till the next date i.e. 30th March, 2026, the Respondent No.3 – Symbiosis International (Deemed University) shall not cancel the admission of the Petitioner in Master of Business Administration (Information Technology Business Management) granted on 24th March, 2026 for want of caste validity certificate from Respondent No.2 – Scrutiny Committee.

6. The Advocate for the Petitioner shall serve notice of this Order on Respondent No.3 - Symbiosis International (Deemed University) and file Affidavit of Service by the next date. Respondent No.3 is directed to make an appearance on the next date.

7. Stand over to 30th March, 2026 to be placed under the caption for 'Directions'.

8. The parties shall act on an authenticated copy of this Order.

[ ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J. ]

[ R.I. CHAGLA J. ]