

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.6082 OF 2026**



Vandana Popat Thakarey ... Petitioner
versus
The State of Maharashtra and Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Kishore Patil with Mr. Sahil Pandire, Mr. Sachin Padage, Mr. Ashok Pandire, for Petitioner.

Mr. Hamit Mulla, AGP for Respondent No.1.

Mr. Jayendra Khairnar with Mr. Gauri Kulkarni, Ms. Aleema Bohra, for Respondent No.2.

CORAM: N.J.JAMADAR, J.

DATE : 5 MAY 2026

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1. Heard the learned Counsel for the parties.
2. Prima facie, there appears discrepancy with regard to the birth certificate of Ananya, who is stated to be the daughter of the Petitioner. The name of the father of the child in the two birth certificates, placed on record by the rival parties, appears different.
3. A question as to whether the Appellate Authority could have interfered with the order passed by the District Collector, despite noting such discrepancy on the ground that the Petitioner ought to have preferred an appeal against the issue of birth certificate in the name of Ananya, which shows the name of the Petitioner and the name of her husband as mother and father of the said child, arises for consideration.

4. Issue notice to the Respondents for final disposal, returnable on 16 June 2026.
5. Learned AGP waives service on behalf of Respondent No.1 and Mr. Khairnar, waives service on behalf of Respondent No.2.
6. In addition to notice through Court, the Petitioner is at liberty to serve the Respondent No.3 by private service and file an affidavit of service.
7. Respondent No.1 shall file an affidavit along with the original birth register maintained by Dagadpada Grampanchayat, Haranbari, Tal. Baglan, Dist. Nashik, for the months of July to December 2022.
8. Respondent No.3 is also at liberty to file an affidavit in reply.
9. In the meanwhile, there shall be an ad-interim relief in terms of prayer clauses (b) and (c) of the Petition.

(N.J.JAMADAR, J.)