

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

921 WRIT PETITION NO. 2902 OF 2026

RAJESH SURESH WAGH

....Petitioner

VERSUS

**THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND OTHERS**

.....Respondent

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Suresh M Kulkarni

AGP for Respondent/State: Mrs. A.S. Deshmukh

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**CORAM : SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

DATED : MARCH 18, 2026

ORDER:-

1. Heard. The petitioner is challenging the order of invalidation of his caste claim.
2. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 15.04.2026.
3. The learned A.G.P. waives service of notice for respondent Nos. 1 and 2.
4. In the meanwhile, respondent Nos.3 and 4-Employer shall not take any coercive action against the petitioner solely on the ground that the caste claim of the petitioner is invalidated, subject to petitioner filing an undertaking within a period of 15 days before this

Court as well as before the Employer/s that pending this petition, the petitioner will not claim any service benefits such as promotion, increment, pay fixation and confirmation etc.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE

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