



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**  
**NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR**

**Writ Petition No.1953 of 2026**

*Dipak Namdev Kharat*

vs.

*Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur through its Vice Chancellor, Nagpur and  
others*

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*Office notes, Office Memoranda of  
Coram, appearances, Court's orders  
or directions and Registrar's orders.*

*Court's or Judge's Orders*

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*Mr. S.D. Borkute, Advocate for the Petitioner.*

**CORAM : ANIL L. PANSARE & NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, JJ.**

**DATE : 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026.**

Heard.

02. The petitioner, belonging to Nomadic Tribe-C category, is desirous of pursuing Ph.D. programme at respondent No.1–University. Accordingly, he applied and appeared in the examination. The result was declared on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2025. He stood qualified (Annexure-C).

03. The learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was called for interview on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. Accordingly, he appeared. The list of candidates eligible for provisional admission was published on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026. Twenty Six candidates were enlisted. The petitioner's name does not appear in the list. The argument is that one seat was reserved for NT-C category. However, this seat has been given to the Open Category.

04. The petitioner raised a grievance through email, which was allegedly entertained by the Doctoral Council in the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. The Convenor of the Doctoral Council, vide email dated 14/02/2026, informed the petitioner that his concern has been taken cognizance of and that a sub-committee has been constituted to thoroughly examine the issue. The Convenor further informed that the sub-committee

will review the details and provide recommendation at the earliest and the petitioner will be updated after submission of the recommendation in due course.

05. The grievance is that, till date, the petitioner has not received any recommendation/communication. The learned Counsel submits that, to the best of his knowledge, the course has commenced without taking any decision.

06. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

07. In addition to the usual mode, the petitioner may serve the respondents through all other permissible modes, including email and speed post and shall file affidavit of service before the returnable date.

(Nivedita P. Mehta, J.)

(Anil L. Pansare, J.)

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