Marathi and Urdu Signboard Case
Facts of the Case
Appellant Objected
Use of Urdu on Signboard
Municipal Council, Patur
Signboard Content
Marathi at Top
Urdu Translation Below
Practice Not New
Since Council Existence (1956)
Urdu Familiarity
Significant Number of Members
Significant Number of Residents
Arguments by Parties
Appellant's Argument
Work Only in Marathi
Marathi Official State Language
Urdu Impermissible
Relied on 2022 Act
Mandates Marathi Signboards
Prohibits Urdu
Respondents' Argument
Initial Application Not Maintainable
Section 308 (1965 Act)
Collector Power Amended (2018)
Requires Chief Officer Notice
Not the Case
Use of Urdu Justified
Long-Standing Practice
Effective Communication
Many Understand Urdu
Urdu in Constitution
VIIIth Schedule
Supreme Court Decision
Reached SC after High Court
Bombay High Court Upheld Urdu
Second Round of Litigation
Subsequent to 2022 Act
Agreed with High Court
Held on 2022 Act
Declares Marathi Official Language
For Official Purposes
For Public Interface
Does Not Prohibit Additional Language
Allows Urdu on Signboard
Clarified Urdu Use
Primarily for Communication
Section 3 Interpretation
Appellant Argument Incorrect
Section 3(1) & 3(2)
3(2) Allows English (Enabling)
Not Prohibition on Others
Especially VIIIth Schedule Languages (Urdu)
Finding and Dismissal
No Prohibition Found
In 2022 Act or Other Law
Appellant's Case Misconception of Law
Dismissed Appeals