

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

72 WRIT PETITION NO.8014 OF 2023

GANESH NARAYAN KOLI
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND
ANOTHER

Mr.Mohit S.Shah, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Mr.V.M.Kagne, AGP for the Respondent/State.

(CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND
Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.)

DATE : JULY 11, 2023

PER COURT :

1. The Petitioner, presently is a Sarpanch of Khed Digar Gram Panchayat, Tq. Shahada, Dist.Nandurbar. He was elected on 22.09.2022. Protection against disqualification is valid till 22.09.2023. His first proposal seeking validation of his claim of belonging to the "Tokare Koli" Scheduled Tribe category, was presented in 2009. By an order passed on 20.09.2022, the Committee concluded that the Authority which issued the certificate in 2009, was not competent to do so. The Petitioner has now received a new certificate, which is tendered to the Committee.

2. In view of the above, **this petition is disposed off** with a direction to the Committee to decide the claim of the Petitioner on or before 15.09.2023. The Petitioner would render wholehearted co-operation and would not seek an adjournment on any ground.

(Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)