



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

**39 WRIT PETITION NO. 12707 OF 2024  
GURUPRASAD GANGADHAR HANDESHWAR  
VERSUS**

**THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA  
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND ANOTHER  
AND**

**45 WRIT PETITION NO. 12713 OF 2024  
ATA UR REHMAN AZIM SHAIKH  
VERSUS**

**THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA  
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND ANOTHER**

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Thorat Chandrakant R.  
AGP for Respondents/State in WP-12707/2024 : Mr. N. S. Tekale  
AGP for Respondents/State in WP-12713/2024 : Mr. S.S. Dande

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**CORAM : S. G. MEHARE AND  
SHAILESH P. BRAHME, JJ.**

**DATE : 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**PER COURT :**

. Heard.

2. Issue notice to the respondents. Learned AGP waives service of notice for respondents/State.

3. Learned AGP submits that the caste claim proceeding of the petitioner would be decided within six months as the vigilance inquiry is pending. However, the learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that four months may be granted to decide the caste claim.

4. In view of the submissions of both Counsels and considering the stage of the proceeding, respondent no.2 is directed to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner within five months from today.

5. Both petitions stand disposed of in above terms.

[ SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.]

[ S. G. MEHARE, J.]

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