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

999 WRIT PETITION NO. 422 OF 2024

VINAYAK VITHAL KHARAT
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND OTHERS

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Mrs Laxmi R. Thakur, Advocate for Petitioner;
Mr R. S. Wani, A.G.P. for Respondent Nos.1 & 2

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

DATE : 10th January, 2024

PER COURT:

1. The claim of the Petitioner of belonging to the 'Dhangad' Scheduled Tribe category, is pending with Respondent No.2/Scrutiny Committee.

2. In view of the above, **this Writ Petition is disposed off** with a direction to Respondent No.2, to complete the Vigilance Cell Enquiry within 3 months, and thereafter, decide the claim of the Petitioner in a further period of 3 months (total six months), on or before 30/06/2024.

3. The Petitioner shall file an affidavit undertaking in this Court and also with Respondent No.3 and 4/Education

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Society, on or before 31/01/2024, declaring that he would not claim any further promotion / increment / pay-fixation / service benefits, etc., until his claim is validated by this Court.

4. On the condition of filing an undertaking, we direct Respondent Nos.3 and 4 that the Petitioner's service shall not be terminated till 30/06/2024, prior to which, the Scrutiny Committee would decide his claim.

(Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

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