



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

944 WRIT PETITION NO. 8855 OF 2025

SHRINIVAS RAMAKANT PADALWAR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 8856 OF 2025

PRASHANT DATTATRAY PADALWAR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 8857 OF 2025

PRAJAKTA BALAJI PADALWAR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 8858 OF 2025

BALAJI SHIVAJI PADALWAR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 8860 OF 2025

SHIVNANDA PANDURANG PADALWAR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 8859 OF 2025**

**MANOJ BABURAO PADALWAR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

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No.8858 of 2025

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**CORAM : MANISH PITALE AND
Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.**

DATE : 25.07.2025

ORDER (Per- Y. G. Khobragade, J.) :-

1. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioners and the learned AGP for the Respondents, at length.
2. Since the common question arises in all these Petitions, the same are taken together.
3. In all these Petitions, the Petitioners who are the paternal blood relatives, take exception to the impugned order dated 02.05.2025 passed by Respondent No.2 Scrutiny Committee, thereby invalidated their claim of "Mannervarlu" Scheduled Tribe.

4. As per the genealogical tree, the forefathers of the Petitioners, namely, Malkaji Eknath Padalwar, had six sons, namely Venkanna, Eknath, Jaywant, Gangaram, Virbhadra and Shankar.

5. Sanjay, Saujanya and Sneha, are the children of Chandrakant. Shashikant s/o Balaji Padalwar is the grandson of Ganpat. Raghunath, Hanmant and Ramakant are the sons of Shankar. Mallikarjun and Sahebrao are the sons of Virbhadra. Maroti and Malkaji are the sons of Gangaram. Hanmant is the son of Jaywant. Gopal and Prakash are the sons of Hanmant. Hanmant, Ganpat, Anand, Suryakant and Chandrakant are the sons of Eknath. Govind, Sheshrao, Pandurang and Shivaji are the sons of Venkanna.

6. The Petitioner in Writ Petition No.8855 of 2025 (Shrinivas), Vaishnavi and Suvarnarani, are the children of Ramakant. Balaji, Dattatray and Nirmala, are the children of Shivaji.

7. The Petitioner in Writ Petition No.8856 of 2025 (Prashant), Prajakta (Petitioner in Writ Petition No.8857 of 2025) and Balkrushna, are the cousins.

8. The Petitioner in Writ Petition No.8860 of 2025 (Shivnanda), Vyankat and Meena, are the children of Pandurang.

9. The Petitioner in Writ Petition No.8857 of 2025 (Prajakta), is the daughter of Balaji (Petitioner in Writ Petition No.8858 of 2025).

10. The Petitioner in Writ Petition No.8859 of 2025 (Manoj), is the grandson of Govind.

11. On the face of the record, it appears that this Court as well as Respondent No.2 granted number of 'Mannervarlu' Scheduled Tribe validity certificates in favour of blood relatives of the Petitioners, as under:-

Sr. No.	Name	Date	Granted by
1.	Sneha Chandrakant Padalwar	04.10.2017	High Court Writ Petition No.10378 of 2017
2.	Vaishnavi Ramakant Padalwar	03.08.2018	High Court Writ Petition No.8917 of 2018
3.	Soujanya Chandrakant Padalwar	25.01.2022	High Court Writ Petition No.1258 of 2022
4.	Shashikant Balajirao Padalwar	19.08.2023	High Court Writ Petition No.1711 of 2022

5.	Ashok Hanmantrao padalwar	19.08.2023	High Court Writ Petition No.1731 of 2022
6.	Swapnil Digambarrao Padalwar	28.01.2022	High Court Writ Petition No.1144 of 2022
7.	Gangasagar Vyankatrao Padalwar	10.03.2025	High Court Writ Petition No.2946 of 2025
8.	Venkat Pandurang Padalwar	19.07.2007	Committee
9.	Deepa Venkatrao Padalwar	07.07.2011	Committee

12. Therefore, it appears that the paternal blood relatives of all these Petitioners are holding conditional validity certificates of "Mannervarlu" Scheduled Tribe. The present Petitioners are also entitled to receive the conditional validity certificates. Therefore, taking into consideration the law laid down in the cases of ***Mah. Adiwasi Thakur Jamat Swarakshan Samiti Vs. State of Maharashtra & Ors.; AIR 2023 SC 1657, Shweta Balaji Isankar Vs. State of Maharashtra & Ors., 2018 SCC Online Bom. 10341, Apoorva Vinay Nichale Vs. Divisional Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee No.1 and Ors., 2010(6) Mh.L.J. 401***, wherein it has been concluded that when the biological father, biological siblings, biological uncle etc., are granted validity certificates, a candidate so related to them, cannot be

deprived of a validity certificate. The present Petitioners are entitled to have a certificate of validity.

13. In view of above, we are inclined to allow all these Petitions partly, and proceed to pass the following order:-

ORDER

- (i) The Writ Petitions are partly allowed.
- (ii) The impugned common order dated 02.05.2025 passed by Respondent No.2 Scrutiny Committee, is hereby quashed and set aside.
- (iii) Respondent No.2 Scrutiny Committee shall issue 'Mennervarlu' Scheduled Tribe validity certificate in favour of the Petitioners, within a period of four weeks from today, which shall be subject to the following conditions:-
 - (a) The caste validity certificate shall be subject to the outcome of the re-verification of the validity certificates of blood relatives of the Petitioners, which the Respondent No.2 Scrutiny Committee may propose to re-open.
 - (b) The Petitioners shall not claim any equity.
 - (c) The Petitioners shall cooperate with the Scrutiny Committee.

[Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.]

[MANISH PITALE, J.]