



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 9122 OF 2025

Shreya Uttam Bodhgire
Age 18 years, Occu: Student
At Jangamwadi, Post Bahadurpura
Taluka Kandhar, District Nanded

... PETITIONER

VERSUS

1. State of Maharashtra
Through its Secretary, Tribal
Development Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032
2. Scheduled Tribe Certificate
Scrutiny Committee, Kinwat Division,
HQ: Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar,
through its Member Secretary
having its office Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar
3. State Common Entrance Test Cell,
8th Floor, New Excelsior Building,
A.K. Nayak Marg, Fort, Mumbai

... RESPONDENTS

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Mr. Ramchandra K. Mendadkar a/w Mr. Vijay Gangalwad,
Advocates for the Petitioner
Mr. S. K. Tambe, AGP for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2
Mr. Ajinkya Reddy, Advocate for Respondent No.3
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**CORAM : MANISH PITALE AND
Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.**

DATE : 04.08.2025

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

1. Heard both the sides. With consent of both the parties, the matter is heard finally at the stage of admission.
2. The challenge in the present Petition is to the order dated 01.07.2025, passed by Respondent No.2 Scrutiny Committee, invalidating “Mannervarlu” Scheduled Tribe claim of the Petitioner.
3. As per the genealogical tree, Chinnaya Bodhgire is the great grandfather of the Petitioner. Koneri was the son of Chinoda. Shivram, Govind, Gurunath, Uttam, Manohar and Balaji are the children of Koneri. The Petitioner is the daughter of Uttam. Ajit Uttam Bodhgire is the real brother of the present Petitioner.
4. On face of record, it appears that the paternal blood relatives of the Petitioner were approached before this Court in various Writ Petitions and this Court passed the orders in different Petitions and granted conditional validity certificates in favour of 31 paternal blood relatives of the Petitioner, as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Petitioner	Writ Petition Number
1.	Balaji Kashiram Bodhgire	10000 of 2019
2.	Manas Balaji Bodhgire	9999 of 2019
3.	Shivraj Vilasrao Bodhgire	9986 of 2019
4.	Sudhakar Anandrao Bodhgire	9163 of 2019
5.	Sanjivani Sudhakar Bodhgire	9183 of 2019
6.	Devidas Digambar Bodhgire	10021 of 2019
7.	Mayuri Manik Bodhgire	1916 of 2019
8.	Manoj Manik Bodhgire	9503 of 2019
9.	Yogesh Uttamrao Bodhgire	8442 of 2020
10.	Tejas Balaji Bodhgire	2046 of 2021
11.	Manish Govindrao Bodhgire	5694 of 2021
12.	Minakshi Govind Bodhgire	5771 of 2021
13.	Rupali Gurunath Bodhgire	5740 of 2021
14.	Deepali Gurunath Bodhgire	5694 of 2021
15.	Ajit Uttam Bodhgire	2059 of 2021
16.	Pratiksha Manohar Bodhgire	5736 of 2021
17.	Subhash Kondiba Bodhgire	2233 of 2022
18.	Sanket Manik Bodhgire	7238 of 2022
19.	Mohini Balaji Bodhgire	13854 of 2023
20.	Ravishankar Balaji Bodhgire	13852 of 2023
21.	Mangesh Maroti Bodhgire	12592 of 2023
22.	Mrunal Chinoda Bodhgire	13853 of 2023
23.	Aryan Chonoda Bodhgire	13851 of 2023
24.	Sangita Kashiram Bodhgire	18964 of 2024 (Stamp)
25.	Ritesh Ashok Bodhgire	7322 of 2024
26.	Snehal Manik Bodhgire	7326 of 2024

27.	Prathmesh Manohar Bodhgire	11713 of 2024
28.	Rohini Sudhakar Bodhgire	1377 of 2024
29.	Ruturaj Sanjay Bodhgire	13881 of 2024
30.	Pranali Gurunath Bodhgire	5852 of 2025
31.	Ganesh Sudhakar Bodhgire	9056 of 2019

5. Apart from various orders passed by this Court as observed above, Respondent No.2 Committee itself on due inquiry of Vigilance Cell, granted validity certificates in favour of blood relatives of the Petitioner and the said fact is not denied by Respondent No.2 Scrutiny Committee.

6. The learned AGP canvassed that the Petitioner failed to prove the affinity test, as different castes, namely 'Munarwar', 'Manurwar', 'Mannurwar', and 'Manorwar', have been disclosed in the caste column of the Petitioner's blood relatives. Therefore, Respondent No.2 Scrutiny Committee rightly passed the impugned order. Hence, prayed for dismissal of the Writ Petition.

7. On face of record, it appears that this Court passed the orders in various Writ Petitions as mentioned above and granted conditional validity certificates in favour of the paternal blood relatives of the Petitioner subject to the outcome of the re-verification

of the validity certificate of their blood relatives proposed by the Scrutiny Committee. 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 Petitioner is entitled to have a certificate of validity.

8. In view of above, the impugned order dated 01.07.2025 passed by Respondent No.2 Scrutiny Committee, is hereby quashed and set aside.

9. Respondent No.2 Scrutiny Committee shall issue 'Mannervarlu' Scheduled Tribe validity certificate in favour of the Petitioner, 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 Petitioner shall not claim any equity.
- (c) The Petitioner shall cooperate with the Scrutiny Committee.

10. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

[Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, J.]

[MANISH PITALE, J.]

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