

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 11127 OF 2025

SANTOSH DHANRAJ DHOTRE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Wagh Mukulanand R.

AGP for Respondents : Ms. D.S. Jape

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CORAM : R. G. AVACHAT AND

ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.

DATE : 12.09.2025

PER COURT :

. This Writ Petition has been filed for seeking direction to respondent no. 2 – Caste Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within stipulated period.

2. We, therefore, direct respondent no. 2 – Caste Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within a period of two months from today.

3. Till the caste claim of the petitioner is decided, respondent no. 3 shall not take any coercive action against the petitioner.

4. We make it clear, the protection granted by us is only till the caste claim of the petitioner is decided.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(R. G. AVACHAT, J.)

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