



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 11381 OF 2025

1. ADITYA S/O. SACHIN IBATTE
2. SNEHA D/O. SANTOSH IBATTE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for Petitioners : Mr. Shubham R. Nikam
h/f. Mr. Chinchole Ghanshyam K.
AGP for Respondents : Mr. P.S. Patil

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**CORAM : R. G. AVACHAT AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

DATE : 19.09.2025

PER COURT :

. Heard.

2. The petitioners claim to have belonged to 'Rajgond' Scheduled Tribe. Their tribe certificates were subjected to scrutiny. The respondent no. 2 – Scrutiny Committee, declined to grant the petitioners validity certificates. They are, therefore, before us.

3. On hearing the learned Advocates representing the respective parties, it is revealed that the blood relations of the petitioners have been granted validity certificates. They are cousin uncle and aunt, as well. The relationship with these validity holders is not in dispute before us. The only course of action, therefore, available for us is to grant the petitioners validity certificates, conditionally.

ORDER

- i. The order impugned herein is hereby set aside.
- ii. Respondent No. 2 – Scrutiny Committee, is directed to issue the petitioners validity certificates of ‘Rajgond’ Scheduled Tribe.
- iii. The validity certificates to be issued to the petitioners shall be co-terminus with the validity certificates of the validity holders.
- iv. The petitioners shall not claim any equities.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(R. G. AVACHAT, J.)

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