



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

936 WRIT PETITION NO. 11734 OF 2025

Madhav Datta Methalwad

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through Its Secretary And Others

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Chandrakant R Thorat
AGP for Respondents-State: Ms. K. B. Patil Bharaswadkar
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**CORAM : R. G. AVACHAT &
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

Dated : SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

ORAL ORDER : - (Per ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

1. Heard.
2. By this petition, the petitioner seeks a direction to respondent No. 2 - Caste Scrutiny Committee - to decide his caste claim of belonging to the 'Mannervarlu', Scheduled Tribe, expeditiously. The petitioner has also sought a direction that, until the decision on his caste claim is rendered, his employer, respondents No. 3 and 4, shall not take any coercive action against him.
3. Considering the above, we deem it appropriate to direct respondent No. 2 - Caste Scrutiny Committee - to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within a period of six months from today.

Pending the decision of the caste claim, respondents No. 3 and 4 shall not take any coercive action against the petitioner.

4. It is made clear that the directions granted by this Court shall operate only until the caste claim of the petitioner is decided by respondent No. 2 – Caste Scrutiny Committee.

5. With the above directions, the petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(R. G. AVACHAT, J.)

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