



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

WRIT PETITION NO.12887 OF 2025

Satish s/o Tejrao Sapkal

... **PETITIONER**

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra & ors.

... **RESPONDENTS**

.....
Mr. Y.R. Suradkar, Advocate for petitioner
Ms R.P. Gaur, A.G.P. for State
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**CORAM : R.G. AVACHAT AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

DATE : 16th OCTOBER, 2025

ORDER :

Leave to correct nomenclature of respondent No.3
granted. Amendment to be carried out forthwith.

2. Heard. By this Writ Petition, the petitioner is
seeking directions to the the respondent No.2 Caste Scrutiny
Committee to decide his caste claim of belonging to "Koli
Malhar", Scheduled Tribe, which is pending before since

9/9/2024.

3. The petitioner also contends that, during the pendency of the said caste claim, the petitioner has received a communication dated 29/9/2025, by which the employer of the petitioner has directed the petitioner to submit the caste validity certificate, failing which the services of the petitioner would be terminated.

4. Considering the above, we direct the respondent No.2 Caste Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within a period of nine months from today.

5. Till the decision of the said caste claim of the petitioner, the respondent No.3- employer of the petitioner shall not take coercive action against the petitioner only on the ground of non-submission of the caste validity certificate.

6. We make it clear that, the protection granted by this Court will operate only till the caste claim of the petitioner is decided.

7. With these directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(R.G. AVACHAT, J.)

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