



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

938 WRIT PETITION NO. 13773 OF 2025

SANTOSH AMBADAS PAWAR

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Sagar D. Madake h/f. Mr. Golegaonkar Madhur A.

Addl. GP for Respondent/State : Mr. S.D. Ghayal

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

DATE : 19.11.2025

PER COURT :

1. By this Writ Petition, the petitioner prays that his caste claim of belonging to 'Thakur' Scheduled Tribe is pending before the Caste Scrutiny Committee. It is further contended that despite the fact that, the said caste claim is pending before the Caste Scrutiny Committee, the employer of the petitioner has issued a show-cause notice dated 15.10.2025 by which the petitioner has been called upon, as to why the services of the petitioner should not be terminated, for non-submission of caste validity certificate.

2. Considering the above fact, we direct the Respondent No.2/Caste Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within a period of six months from today.

3. We further direct that, pending the decision of the caste claim of the petitioner, the services of the petitioner should not be terminated. Furthermore, no adverse action be taken against the petitioner pending

the decision of the caste claim of the petitioner.

4. With this directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(R.G. AVACHAT, J.)

vsj..