IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

912 WRIT PETITION NO. 14988 OF 2026

Pooja Gokul Deore ...Petitioner

VERSUS

Schedule Tribe Certificate Scrutiny Committee Dhule Thr Secretary And Ors. ...Respondents

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Mr. Mahesh Deshmukh i/by Mr. Umesh Gite, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Mr. P. K. Lakhotiya, AGP for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2-State..

CORAM : KISHORE C. SANT &
JITENDRA JAIN, JJ.

DATE : 23rd OCTOBER 2026.

PC :-

1. Heard Mr. Deshmukh, learned Advocate for the Petitioner, and Mr. Lakhotiya, learned AGP for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2/State. No notice is required to be issued to Respondent No.3, as the prayer is only against Respondent No.1/Committee in the petition.

2. The present petition is filed challenging the judgment and order dated 11/08/2026, invalidating the tribe claim of the petitioners as belonging to “Tokre Koli”, a Scheduled Tribe. Though there is a remedy of appeal provided now in view of amendment in *the Maharashtra Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, De-notified Tribes (Vimukta Jatis),*

Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Special Backward Category (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of) Caste Certificate Act, 2000, the petitioner has approached this Court in the light of peculiar facts of the case, as the petitioner is called for an interview on 03/11/2026. By way of said letter, it is informed to the petitioner to bring caste certificate and caste validity certificate, where applicable.

3. Considering above, now the only prayer made is that the learned Commissioner be directed to decide the Appeal filed by the petitioner as early as possible. It is also informed that the Appeal is already filed before the learned Commissioner, Nashik.

4. This Court finds that, looking to the pendency of the matter, this Court would not be in a position to decide the writ petition before 03/11/2026. It would also be against propriety to exercise jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, where a substantive appeal is filed and pending before the Appellate Authority.

5. In the peculiar facts of the case, we direct learned Commissioner, Nashik to decide the appeal filed by the petitioner prior to 31/10/2026.

6. The Respondent/Committee to produce the record before the learned Commissioner Nashik, on or before 27/10/2026. Petitioner to appear before the Commissioner on 27/10/2026.

7. With these, writ petition stands disposed off.

8. Parties to act an authenticated copy of this order.

[JITENDRA JAIN, J.] [KISHORE C. SANT, J.]

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