



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

949 WRIT PETITION NO. 4135 OF 2024

Vimal Anandrao Mali Surewad

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through Its Principal Secretary And Others

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Mr. Chandrakant R. Thorat, Advocate for the Petitioner

Mr. N. B. Patil, AGP for Respondents/State

Mr. S. B. Pulkundwar, Advocate for Respondent No.2 in Writ Petition
Nos.4135/2024, 4144/2024, 4259/2024, 4257/2024, 4258/2024

Ms. Anagha Rotte, Advocate for Respondent No.3 in Writ Petition
No.4185/2024

Mr. R. K. Ingole, Advocate for Respondent No.2

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WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4256 OF 2024

Parbhata Ganpati Surewad

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through Its Principal Secretary And Others

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WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4258 OF 2024

Suryakant Amruta Surewad

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through Its Principal Secretary And Another

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4186 OF 2024

Varsha Prabhatrao Surewad

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Thorugh Its Principal Secretary And Others

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WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4144 OF 2024

Govind Ananda Suryawad Surewad

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through Its Principal Secretary And Others

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WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4185 OF 2024

Madhav Ganpati Surewad

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through Its Principal Secretary And Others

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WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4259 OF 2024

Laxmi Kishan Suryawad

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through Its Principal Secretary And Others

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WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 4257 OF 2024

Govind Sambhaji Surewad

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through Its Principal Secretary And Others

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CORAM : SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.

DATED : JANUARY 17, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard.
2. All these petitioners claimed to have belonging to 'Mannervarlu', Scheduled Tribe. Their caste certificates were subjected to validation. Along with these petitioners one namely, Shankar s/o Laxman Mali @ Surewad whose tribe claim was refused by Respondent/Scrutiny Committee by the same impugned judgment and order have approached this Court by filing Writ Petition No.4889 of 2024 and this Court by order dated 04.09.2025 has allowed the said Writ Petition by setting aside the impugned judgment and order herein.

3. Without going into the merit and the factual matrix, we propose to dispose of these writ petitions, since the petitioners' distinct relative namely, Shankar s/o Laxman Mali @ Surewad whose writ petition has been allowed by this Court and since there is no dispute with regard to the relationships of the petitioners with that validity holder, we are inclined to allow these Writ Petitions. Hence, following order :

ORDER

- i. Writ Petition allowed.
- ii. Respondent/Scrutiny Committee shall issue validity certificate to the petitioners of Mannervarlu, Scheduled Tribe immediately.
- iii. The validity certificate granted to the petitioners shall be subject to the decision that may be taken by the Scrutiny Committee in case the validation proceedings in respect of the validity holder relied by the petitioners are reopened.

[ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.]

[SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.]