

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

1066 WRIT PETITION NO. 3423 OF 2025

GANGADHAR SHANKARRAO ANDELWAD
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY AND OTHERS

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Mr. O.D. Totawad, Advocate holding for Mr. C.R. Thorat,
Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. N.B. Patil, A.G.P. for respondent Nos.1 and 4.
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**CORAM : SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

DATED : 7 JANUARY 2026.

Per Court :

1. Heard.
2. By this writ petition, petitioner is taking an exception to the common judgment and order passed by respondent No.2-Scrutiny Committee dated 03.03.2025 by which the tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging to "*Mannervarlu*" scheduled tribe alongwith other family members of the petitioner, has been invalidated.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited our attention to the order dated 07.08.2025 passed by this Court in ***Writ Petition No. 9429 of 2025*** in the case of ***Shreyash s/o Shrinivas Andelwar and another vs The State of***

Maharashtra and another and submitted that this Court has allowed the said writ petition by setting aside the impugned judgment and order dated 03.03.2025, which is impugned in this writ petition.

4. We have perused the order passed by this Court dated 07.08.2025 in the case of ***Shreyash s/o Shrinivas Andelwar*** (supra) and we find that this court has considered genealogical tree, so also the Scheduled Tribe Validity certificate issued in favour of the uncle, father and paternal aunt of the petitioners therein and thus has found that the petitioners are entitled to seek parity with those validity holders.

5. We find that the basis for passing the order dated 07.08.2025 is tribe validity certificates issued in favour of the blood relatives by the Caste Scrutiny Committee and that is the reason why conditional validity has been issued. It has also been pointed out that the said tribe validity of the validity holders has also been reopened. Learned A.G.P. does not dispute the fact that the blood relatives of the petitioner have been granted conditional validity by this Court subject to outcome of reverification proceedings of the validity holders.

6. Considering the said fact, since the impugned order has already been set aside by this Court in Writ Petition No. 9429

of 2025 filed by the close blood relatives of the petitioner, we pass the following order.

ORDER

- (I) The Writ Petition is partly allowed.
- (ii) The impugned order dated 03.03.2025, passed by Respondent No.2 Scrutiny Committee is hereby quashed and set aside.
- (iii) Respondent No.4 Scrutiny Committee shall immediately issue "Mannervarlu" Scheduled Tribe validity certificate in favour of the Petitioner, which shall be subject to following conditions:-
 - (a) The caste validity certificate shall be subject to the outcome of the re-verification of the validity certificates of his blood relatives proposed by the Scrutiny Committee.
 - (b) The Petitioner shall not claim any equity.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE