

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

980 WRIT PETITION NO. 10902 OF 2025

KISAN RAMJI KOPURWAD

....Petitioner

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

.....Respondent

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Sainath Gangadhar Jayewar

AGP for Respondent/State: Mrs. A. S. Deshmukh

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

DATED : APRIL 22, 2026

ORAL ORDER (PER ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J):-

1. Heard.
2. The petitioner is challenging the order dated 18.07.2025 passed by the respondent/Scrutiny Committee, by which the tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging "*Mahadev Koli*" Scheduled Tribe has been invalidated.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the daughter of petitioner namely **Archana Kishan Kopurwad** along with other blood relatives, whose tribe claims were invalidated by common order passed by the Scrutiny Committee, had approached this Court by filing Writ Petition No. 8922 of 2018 and other connected Writ Petitions, wherein this Court, after considering the selfsame record, allowed the

said Writ Petition thereby directing the Scrutiny Committee to issue conditional validities. He, therefore, urged that the petitioner also deserves to be granted conditional validity.

4. The learned A.G.P. does not dispute the said aspect nor the relationship of the petitioner with the said validity holder namely *Archna Kishan Kopurwad* (supra).

5. In that view of the matter, we follow the same course, as the daughter of the petitioner herself has been granted conditional validity. We, therefore, pass the following order.

O R D E R

- (I) The Writ Petition is allowed.
 - (ii) The impugned order dated 18.07.2025 passed by the respondent No.2/Scrutiny Committee is hereby quashed and set-aside.
 - (iii) The respondent/ Scrutiny Committee shall issue validity certificate of belonging to “*Koli Mahadev*” Scheduled Tribe, which shall be subject to outcome of re-opening of the validity of the validity holders, on which the petitioner is placed reliance.
6. Petition accordingly disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE

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