



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

952 WRIT PETITION NO. 15071 OF 2025

Shruti Arjun Molke And Others

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra And Another

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Mr. O.B. Boinwad, Advocate for the Petitioner

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

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

DATED : 17TH MARCH 2026

PER COURT (Per Abasaheb D. Shinde J.): -

1. Heard.
2. By this Writ Petition, the petitioners are taking exception to common order dated 30.07.2025 passed by Respondent No.2-Scrutiny Committee by which the tribe claims of the petitioners of belonging to 'Koli Mahadev', Scheduled Tribe have been invalidated.
3. Learned Counsel for the petitioners has invited our attention to the order dated 13.08.2025 passed by this Court in the case of ***Sneha Anilrao Molke V. The State of Maharashtra & Ors.***, Writ Petition No.10107 of 2025, wherein this Court has set aside the impugned common order dated 30.07.2025 and has directed to issue validity certificate in favour of the said petitioner.
4. The learned AGP does not dispute the fact that this Court has

already set aside the impugned common order dated 30.07.2025 in the case of ***Sneha Anilrao Molke*** (supra).

5. In that view of the matter, since the same impugned order has been set aside by a reasoned order passed by this Court, we pass the following order :-

O R D E R

- (i) The Writ Petition is partly allowed.
- (ii) The impugned order dated 30.07.2025, passed by Respondent No.2 -Scrutiny Committee is hereby quashed and set aside.
- (iii) Respondent No.2- Scrutiny Committee shall immediately issue "Koli Mahadev" Scheduled Tribe validity certificates in favour of the Petitioners, which shall be subject to following conditions :-

- (a) The caste validity certificates shall be subject to the outcome of the re-verification of the validity certificates of their blood relatives proposed by the Scrutiny Committee.
- (b) The Petitioner Nos.1 and 4 shall furnish undertaking before the Registrar (Judicial) of this Court as well as before the Scrutiny Committee and the Educational Institution with whom they will take admission for professional course, indicating that in case their caste validities are revoked, they

would deposit the tuition fees and other charges applicable to the candidates from open category.

(c) The Petitioners shall not claim any equity.

(d) The Petitioners shall cooperate with the Scrutiny Committee.

[ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.]

[SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.]