



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

979 WRIT PETITION NO. 15702 OF 2025

**AMOL RAMLAL BAGUL
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr.Wagh Mukulanand R.
AGP/APP for Respondent/State : Mr. S.P. Sonpawale
Advocate for Respondent No.3 : Mr. N.T. Bhagat

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

DATE : 23.01.2026

FINAL ORDER : (*PER : ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.*)

. Heard.

2. By this Writ Petition, the petitioner is taking an exception to the order dated 12.12.2025 passed by the respondent No.2/Scrutiny Committee by which the proposal seeking verification of his tribe claim of belonging to 'Thakur' Scheduled Tribe has been dismissed for non-prosecution.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that due to some unavoidable circumstances, the petitioner could not keep track of the proceedings nor the petitioner at any point of time received the show-cause notices issued by the respondent/Scrutiny Committee. The Scrutiny Committee has observed that despite several show-cause notices issued to the petitioner, he remained absent and thus, the

petitioner is not interested to pursue the tribe claim. He submits that the impugned order is erroneous and therefore, the same is liable to be quashed and set-aside.

4. *Per contra*, the learned AGP submits that the order itself depicts that the respondent/Scrutiny Committee has issued several show-cause notices to the petitioner. However, the petitioner was not diligent in pursuing his tribe claim. He therefore, urged that the respondent/Scrutiny Committee has rightly passed the impugned order thereby dismissing the tribe claim of the petitioner for non-prosecution.

5. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned AGP, we find that the impugned order depicts that several show-cause notices were issued to the petitioner and still the petitioner did not bother to pursue his tribe claim. Be that as it may, since the matter pertains to social status of the petitioner, we find it expedient in the interest of justice to permit the petitioner to pursue his tribe claim on merits.

6. In that view of the matter, we are inclined to allow this Writ Petition. Hence, we pass following order :

ORDER

- i) The Writ Petition is allowed.
- ii) The impugned order dated 12.12.2025 passed by the respondent/Scrutiny Committee thereby rejecting the tribe claim of the petitioner for non-prosecution is

hereby quashed and set-aside.

iii) The tribe claim of the petitioner shall stand restored to its original position.

iv) We direct the petitioner to appear before the respondent/Scrutiny Committee on 09.02.2026 and shall extend full-cooperation in expeditious decision of his tribe claim.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)

vsj..