



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

941 WRIT PETITION NO. 326 OF 2026

GIRISH KAUTIK CHANDOL THR GUARDIAN KAUTIK BAYAJI
CHONDOL

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND
ANOTHER

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Mr. Murge Estling S., Advocate for the Petitioner

Ms. Chaitali R. Choudhari, AGP for Respondent-State

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

DATED : 09/01/2026

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1. Heard.

2. By this writ petition, the petitioner is seeking direction to respondent No.2 / Caste Scrutiny Committee to decide expeditiously the tribe claim of the petitioner, which was submitted for verification on 21/08/2025.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in immediate need of a caste validity certificate and therefore, prays that the Caste Scrutiny Committee be directed to decide the same within a period of four weeks. Learned counsel further submits that while validating the tribe claims of the petitioner's sister and father, respondent No.2 / Caste Scrutiny Committee had conducted a Vigilance Cell enquiry, which the petitioner is willing to adopt and therefore no fresh Vigilance Cell enquiry is required.

4. Considering the above submissions, we direct respondent No.2 / Caste Scrutiny Committee to make an endeavour to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of six weeks from today.

5. With these directions, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.) (SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)