



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

943 WRIT PETITION NO. 740 OF 2026

RAJEBHAU DEVIDAS MANTRI

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Umesh B. Gode h/f. Mr. Nikam Anup R.
AGP/APP for Respondent/State : Mr. P.S. Patil

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

DATE : 22.01.2026

PER COURT :

. In this Writ Petition, the grievance raised is that the caste certificate issued to the petitioner of belonging to Koli-Mahadev Scheduled Tribe was tried to be submitted before the Caste Scrutiny Committee for its verification. However, the Caste Scrutiny Committee have insisted that the petitioner should submit the caste certificate in Form "C" postulated under the Maharashtra Act No. XXIII of 2001. The petitioner accordingly have requested the respondent/Sub Divisional Officer, Majalgaon, District Beed to issue the caste certificate in Form "C" as contemplated under the Maharashtra Act No. XXIII of 2001. However, the same has not been issued and, therefore, this writ petition.

2. After hearing the parties, we are of the considered view that the prayer made in the writ petition is reasonable and capable of being granted. Therefore, we pass the following order

ORDER

i. The respondent/Sub Divisional Officer, Majalgaon, District Beed is directed to issue corrected tribe certificate in Form "C" in favour of the petitioner to be belonging to Koli-Mahadev Scheduled Tribe within a period of one month from today, subject to petitioner surrendering the original tribe certificate which is in incorrect form.

ii. We also make it clear that, if the earlier caste certificate of the petitioner is surrendered before the respondent/Sub-Divisional Officer, before issuing corrected tribe certificates in Form "C" he should also test the genuineness of issuance of earlier caste certificate.

iii) With these directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)

vsj..