

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

921 WRIT PETITION NO. 752 OF 2026

PRANAV KAILAS GUNJAWALE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

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Mr. Chandrakant Thorat, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Patil, A.P.P. for respondent-State.

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

DATED : 23 JANUARY 2026.

Per Court :

1. Heard.

2. By this petition, the petitioner is seeking direction that the tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging "Koli Mahadev" Scheduled Tribe, which is pending since 04.02.2025, be directed to be decided expeditiously. Since the petitioner is desirous to prosecute his higher education and needs caste validity certificate on or before 30.06.2025, we direct the respondent-Scrutiny Committee to decide tribe claim of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and preferably on or before 30.06.2026.

3. With this direction, the petition stands disposed of.

**(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE**

**(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE**