



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

21 WRIT PETITION NO. 1159 OF 2026

SHUBHAM BABASAHEB RANGE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Sunil Mahadevappa Vibhute

AGP/APP for Respondent/State : Ms. Chaitali Choudhari Kutti

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

DATE : 02.02.2026

PER COURT :

. Heard.

2. The tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging to 'Koli Mahadev' Scheduled Tribe is pending for verification before the respondent/Scrutiny Committee since 05.05.2025.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the vigilance cell report has already been submitted on 14.08.2025 before the respondent/Scrutiny Committee and the petitioner has filed his reply to the same on 12.01.2026.

4. Considering the fact that only the matter is to be heard and final decision is to be taken, we direct the respondent/Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner within a period of three months from today.

5. With these directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)

vsj..