



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

25 WRIT PETITION NO. 1164 OF 2026

**VEDIKA BALIRAM SHETWAD MINOR THR GUARDIAN FATHER BALIRAM
TULSHIRAM SHETWAD**

VERSUS

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH SECRETARY AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Shinde Digambar B
AGP/APP for Respondent/State : Mr. N.B. Patil

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

DATE : 02.02.2026

PER COURT :

. Heard.

2. By this Writ Petition, the petitioner is seeking expeditious disposal of his tribe claim of belonging to 'Koli Mahadev' Scheduled Tribe which is pending before the Scrutiny Committee since 16.04.2025.

3. Considering the fact that the petitioner is desirous to prosecute his higher studies and needs validity certificate by the end of July 2026, we direct the respondent/Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and preferably on or before 15.07.2026.

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

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)