



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 1866 OF 2026

Monal Sanjiv Koli,
Age : 22 Years, Occ. Service,
R/o. village Udhali Khurd,
Tq. Raver, Dist. Jalgaon.

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

1. The State of Maharashtra,
Through its Secretary,
Energy Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai.
2. Scheduled Tribe Certificate Scrutiny
Committee, Dhule
Through its Member Secretary and
Deputy Director (Research),
Sindhumanik Building, Near Ekviradevi
High School, Sharda Nagar, Deopur,
Dhule.
3. Executive Engineer, Savada Division,
Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution
Company Limited.

..RESPONDENTS

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Advocate for the Petitioner :Mr. Sushant V. Dixit
A.P.P for Respondents/State : Mr. M.A. Aher

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

DATED : FEBRUARY 17, 2026

ORAL ORDER (PER ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J):-

1. Heard.
2. The tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging to "Tokre Koli" Scheduled Tribe is pending with respondent No.2/Tribe Scrutiny Committee since 30.09.2025.

3. Since the petitioner is in employment and the employer of the petitioner has issued a letter dated 12.01.2026, calling upon the petitioner to submit the validity certificate, failing which, the disciplinary action will be taken against the petitioner, we deem it appropriate to direct respondent No.2/Tribe Committee to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of eight months from today.

4. Till the tribe claim of the petitioner is decided by the respondent No.2/Tribe Committee, the employer/s of the petitioner shall not take any disciplinary action against the petitioner solely on the ground of non-submission of tribe validity certificate.

5. We make it clear that the protection granted by this Court, will operate, only till the tribe claim of the petitioner is decided.

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

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE