



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

947 WRIT PETITION NO. 1909 OF 2026

**VIGHNESH BALAJI POPULWAD THR FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN BALAJI
KISHANRAO POPULWAD**

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 : Mr. N.B. Patil

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

DATE : 18.02.2026

PER COURT : (PER : ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

. Heard.

2. The petitioner's tribe claim of belonging to 'Mannervarlu' Scheduled Tribe is pending with the respondent No.2/Scrutiny Committee since 12.12.2025.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submit that the vigilance cell report in respect of petitioner's cousin sister is already on record and he is ready to adopt the same.

4. In that view of the matter, we direct the respondent No.2/Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and preferably by the end of June 2026.

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

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)

vsj..