

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 2584 OF 2026

Vinayak S/o Sandeep Chinchalwad,
Age : 17 Years, (Minor), Occ. Education
Through his natural guardian i.e. father
Sandeep Bhaurao Chinchalwad,
Age : 42 Years, Occ. Service,
R/o. Sundar Nagar, nanded. ..Petitioner

VERSUS

1. The State of Maharashtra,
Through Principal Secretary,
Tribal Development Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai.
2. Scheduled Tribe Certificate
Scrutiny Committee, Kinwat,
(Headquarter) Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar,
Through its Member Secretary. .. Respondents

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Advocate for the petitioner : Mr. Sagar S. Phatale
A.G.P. for Respondents/State : Mr. S. J. Salgare

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

DATED : MARCH 10, 2026

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

1. Heard.
2. By this Petition, a limited prayer has been put-forth by the petitioner, seeking direction to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging to “ Tokre Koli” Scheduled Tribe, which has been pending before the respondent No.2/ Scrutiny

Committee since 28.05.2025.

3. Since the petitioner is desirous of appearing for JEE (main)-2026, and needs the validity certificate, we direct the respondent/ Scrutiny Committee to decide the petitioner's tribe claim as expeditiously as possible, and in any case by the end of June 2026. With this direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE

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