

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

950 WRIT PETITION NO. 2730 OF 2026

PRANAV GANESH PANKAR THROUGH HIS FATHER GANESH
GANGADAHARRAO PANKAR

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT DEPT AND ANOTHER

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Mr. Chandrakant Thorat, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. G.A. Kulkarni, A.G.P. for respondents-State.

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

DATED : 12 MARCH 2026.

Oral order (Per Abasaheb D. Shinde, J.) :

1. Heard.
2. By this petition, the petitioner is seeking direction to respondent No.2 Scrutiny Committee to decide tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging to "Mannervarlu" Scheduled Tribe expeditiously, which is pending with the Scrutiny Committee since 12.08.2025.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the vigilance cell inquiry report pertaining to real sister of the petitioner is already on record and the petitioner is ready to adopt the said vigilance cell inquiry report. Considering the

same, 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, in accordance with law and on its own merits.

4. With this direction, writ petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE