

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

951 WRIT PETITION NO. 2731 OF 2026

ATHARVA LINGURAM POKALWAR THROUGH HIS FATHER
LINGURAM B POKALWAR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND ANOTHER

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Mr. Chandrakant Thorat, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. S.P. Sonpawale, 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 24.07.2025.
3. Since the petitioner is desirous of appearing for JEE (Main) examination and needs the validity certificate, 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 it's own merits.

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

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE