



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

24 WRIT PETITION NO. 2830 OF 2026

NADEEM AHMED KHAN KHALEEL AHMED KHAN
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND
OTHERS

...
Mr. Chavan Sudhir K., Advocate for the Petitioner
Ms. M. N. Ghanekar, AGP for Respondent-State

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

DATED : 16/03/2026

P. C. : (PER : ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

1. Heard.
2. By this petition, the petitioner seeks expeditious disposal of his tribe claim of belonging to the 'Tadvi' Scheduled Tribe, pending since 27/01/2026 with the respondent / Scrutiny Committee.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the earlier caste certificate was in the old format and thereafter, under the orders of this Court, the Sub-Divisional Officer issued the caste certificate to the petitioner in Format 'C', as contemplated under the Maharashtra Scheduled Tribes (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of) Certificatge Rules, 2003. The same was submitted for verification to Respondent No. 2 / Scrutiny Committee on 27/01/2026.

4. He further submits that, during the pendency of this tribe claim, the petitioner's employer issued a show-cause notice on 12/01/2026, calling upon the petitioner to submit tribe validity certificate, failing which his services would be brought to an end.

5. In view of the above, we direct Respondent No. 2 / Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner within eight months from today.

6. Till the tribe claim of the petitioner is decided, respondent No.4 i.e. the employer of the petitioner shall not take any coercive action against the petitioner solely on the ground of non submission of validity certificate.

7. Needless to state that, the protection granted by this court will be in operation only till the tribe claim of the petitioner is decided and he would not claim any equities.

8. The petitioner shall extend full co-operation in deciding the tribe claim.

9. With these directions, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.) (SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)