

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

954 WRIT PETITION NO. 3111 OF 2026

SURESH HARIBHAU HAJARE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Mr. Pratap V. Jadhavar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mrs. Chaitali Choudhari, A.P.P. for respondents-State.

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

DATED : 24 MARCH 2026.

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

1. Heard.
2. The petitioner is taking exception to the common order dated 04.03.2026 passed by respondent Scrutiny Committee thereby invalidating tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging to "Koli Mahadev" Scheduled Tribe.
3. Out of two claimants, the other claimant namely Prashant Vijaykumar Hajare, who had also suffered the same impugned order, had challenged the same by filing Writ Petition No. 2723 of 2026. This Court, by a reasoned order dated 17th March 2026, has set aside the impugned order by allowing the said writ petition.
4. Learned A.G.P. does not dispute the said fact.

5. We thus pass the following order.

ORDER

- (I) The Writ Petition is partly allowed.
- (ii) The impugned order dated 04.03.2026 passed by Respondent No.2-Scrutiny Committee is hereby quashed and set aside.
- (iii) Respondent No.2-Scrutiny Committee is directed to issue tribe validity certificate to the petitioner forthwith of belonging to 'Koli Mahadev', Scheduled Tribe which shall be subject to final outcome of the re-opening proceedings initiated by Respondent No.2-Scrutiny Committee against the validity holders, relied upon by the petitioners in Writ Petition No.11909 of 2021.
- (iv) The petitioner will not claim any equity.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE