



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

943 WRIT PETITION NO. 3248 OF 2026

MOHIT GANESH SAPKAL

VERSUS

**THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND
ANR**

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Mr. Jadhavar Pratap V., Advocate for the Petitioner

Mr. G. A. Kulkarni, AGP for Respondent-State

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

DATED : 26/03/2026

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

1. Heard.

2. By this petition, the petitioner seeks the expeditious disposal of his tribe claim of belonging to the 'Koli Malhar' Scheduled Tribe, which has been pending with Respondent No. 2 / Scrutiny Committee since 20/11/2025.

3. In view of the fact that the petitioner is desirous of pursuing higher studies and requires the validity certificate, we direct Respondent No. 2 / Scrutiny Committee to decide the petitioner's tribe claim as expeditiously as possible, preferably by the end of July 2026.

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

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

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

VS Maind/-