



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

944 WRIT PETITION NO. 3249 OF 2026

PRIYANKA DATTATRAY BUDRUPE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND
ANOTHER

...

Mr. Jadhavar Pratap V., Advocate for the Petitioner

Mr. N. B. Patil, AGP for Respondent-State

....

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

DATED : 26/03/2026

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

1. Heard.

2. The petitioner's claim of belonging to the 'Koli Mahadev' Scheduled Tribe is stated to have been pending with Respondent No. 2 / Scrutiny Committee since 29/10/2023.

3. Considering the fact that the petitioner's tribe claim has been pending for almost two and a half years and that she requires her validity certificate for pursuing higher studies, we direct Respondent No. 2 / Scrutiny Committee to decide the 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/-