

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

951 WRIT PETITION NO. 3472 OF 2026

SULOCHANA GUNDERAO KHUSHANGWAR

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND
ORS

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Mohanish V Thorat

AGP for Respondent/State: Mr. N. B. Patil

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

DATED : APRIL 02, 2026

ORDER:-

1. Heard.
2. The tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging to “ Koli Mahadev” Scheduled Tribe is pending with the respondent/Scrutiny Committee since 19.06.2025.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to the advertisement and the clause enumerated in the appointment order, the petitioner is supposed to submit the tribe validity certificate within a period of six months from the date of appointment.
4. In that view of the matter, we direct the respondent/Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of six months from today.

5. Till the tribe claim of the petitioner is decided, the employer of the petitioner shall not take any coercive action against the petitioner, solely on the ground of non –submission of validity certificate.

6. Needless to state that the protection granted by this Court will operate only till the tribe claim of the petitioner is decided and the petitioner would not claim any equities.

7. The Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE

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