

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

**946 WRIT PETITION NO. 3646 OF 2026**

NISHA PRAKASH GANDHALE THROUGH FATHER PRAKASH  
SHIRIRAM GANDHALE  
VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY  
AND ANOTHER

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Mr. S.M. Vibhute, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Mr. G.A. Kulkarni, A.G.P. for respondents-State.

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

**DATED : 7 APRIL 2026.**

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

1. Heard.
2. The petitioner is seeking expeditious disposal of his tribe claim of belonging to "Koli Mahadev" Scheduled Tribe which is pending with the respondent-Scrutiny Committee since 09.06.2025.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the vigilance cell inquiry report of the father of petitioner is already submitted during the verification proceedings of his father and the petitioner is ready to adopt the same.

4. In that view of the matter, we direct respondent No.2-Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and preferably by the end of July-2026.

5. With this direction, writ petition stands disposed of.

**(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)**  
**JUDGE**

**(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)**  
**JUDGE**