



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

935 WRIT PETITION NO. 3781 OF 2026

VAIBHAV SURYAKANT PUTTEWAD ANR

VERSUS

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

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Mr. Sunil Mahadevappa Vibhute, Advocate for the Petitioner

Ms. M. N. Ghanekar, AGP for Respondent-State

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

DATED : 09/04/2026

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

1. Heard.
2. By this petition, the petitioners are seeking expeditious disposal of their tribe claims, belonging to the 'Koli Mahadev' Scheduled Tribe, pending with the respondent-Scrutiny Committee since 10/03/2025.
3. In view of the fact that the petitioners intend to appear for the NEET-Undergraduate 2026 Examination and are pursuing higher studies, we direct the respondent-Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claims of the petitioners as expeditiously as possible, preferably by the end of July 2026.
4. With these directions, the writ petition stands disposed of.

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