



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

954 WRIT PETITION NO. 3863 OF 2026

Rukmin Sonaji Totewad

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through Its Secretary And Ors

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Mr. A. D. Sonkawade h/f. Mr. Sainath Gangadhar Jayewar, Advocate
for the Petitioner

Ms. A. S. Deshmukh, AGP for Respondents/State

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

DATED : 10TH APRIL 2026

ORDER (Per Abasaheb D. Shinde J.) :-

1. Heard.
2. By this petition, the petitioner is seeking direction to Respondent No.2/Scrutiny Committee to decide his tribe claim of belonging to 'Mannervarlu', Scheduled Tribe.
3. Though in the prayer clause the petitioner has mentioned date of submission of proposal of his tribe claim as 08.08.2025, however the record depicts that the said proposal appears to have been submitted on 03.10.2025. During the pendency of said proposal the employer of the petitioner has issued a show cause notice dated 16.03.2026 calling upon the petitioner to submit the validity certificate failing which the services of the petitioner would be brought to an end.

4. Considering the same, we direct Respondent No.2/Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner submitted on 03.10.2025 as expeditiously as possible and in any case within a period of six (6) months from today.
5. Till the tribe claim of the petitioner is decided, the employer/s of the petitioner shall not take any coercive action against the petitioner solely on the ground of non-submission of tribe 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 will not claim any equity.
7. With these directions, writ petition stands disposed of.

[ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.]

[SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.]