

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

936 WRIT PETITION NO. 4522 OF 2026

VAISHNAVI KERBA BAHIRWAD MINOR THROUGH FATHER
KERBA P BAHIRWAD AND ANOTHER
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND
ANOTHER

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Mr. Anant Kanle, Advocate holding for Mr. S.M. Vibhute,
Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. S.P. Sonpawale, A.G.P. for respondents-State.
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**CORAM : SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

DATED : 24 APRIL 2026.

Oral Order (Per Abasaheb D. Shinde,J.) :

1. Heard.
2. By this writ petition, the petitioner seeks direction to respondent-Scrutiny Committee to decide tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging to "Koli Mahadev" Scheduled Tribe expeditiously, which is pending before the respondent-Scrutiny Committee since 30.10.2025.
3. Considering the fact that the petitioner is desirous of appearing for NEET-UG-2026 Examination as well as desirous of prosecuting her higher studies, we direct the respondent-Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner

as expeditiously as possible and preferably by the end of August 2026.

4. With this direction, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE