



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

944 WRIT PETITION NO. 4648 OF 2026

**SAKSHI SANTORH SALUNKE AND ANOTHER
VERSUS
STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH SECRETARY HOME
DEPARTMENT AND ANOTHER**

...
Mr. Shinde Digambar B, Advocate for the Petitioners
Ms. M. N. Ghanekar, AGP for Respondent-State

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

DATED : 28/04/2026

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

1. Heard.
2. By this petition, the petitioners seek expeditious disposal of their tribe claims of belonging to the "Thakar" Scheduled Tribe, which, according to them, have been pending since 16/01/2026. This Court in Writ Petition No.2591 of 2026, in the case of petitioners' cousin sister, namely Riya Dattatraya Salunke vs. State of Maharashtra and other vide order dated 10/03/2026, has directed the Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claim by the end of June 2026. In that view of the matter, we direct the Respondent/Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claims of the petitioners as well by the end of June 2026.
3. With these directions, the writ petition stands disposed of.

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