

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

948 WRIT PETITION NO. 5011 OF 2026

HARISH SANTOSHKUMAR PALKURWAR MINOR THROUGH
FATHER SANTOSHKUMAR H PALKURWAR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
AND ANOTHER

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Mr. S.M. Vibhute, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. A.S. Deshmukh, A.G.P. for respondents-State.
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**CORAM : SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

DATED : 5 MAY 2026.

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

1. Heard.
2. This petition has been filed for a limited purpose of seeking direction to decide tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging to "Mannervarlu" Scheduled Tribe which is pending with respondent-Scrutiny Committee since 30.01.2026.
3. Considering the fact that the petitioner is desirous of prosecuting his higher studies and needs validity certificate, we direct the respondent-Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of six months from today.
4. With this direction, writ petition stands disposed of.

**(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE**

**(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE**