



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

964 WRIT PETITION NO. 5117 OF 2026

GAYATRI ANIL SONAWANE THROUGH GUARDIAN ANIL JANARDAN SONAWANE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Thorat Chandrakant R.
AGP/APP for Respondent/State : Ms. Ashlesha S. Deshmukh

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

DATE : 06.05.2026

PER COURT : (PER : ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

. This petition has been filed for a limited purpose of seeking direction to the respondent/Scrutiny Committee to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging to 'Tokre Koli' Scheduled Tribe which is pending with the Scrutiny Committee since 29.07.2025.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the vigilance cell enquiry report of a blood relative of the petitioner viz. Naresh Baliram Sonawane, is already on record and the petitioner is ready to adopt the same.

3. In that view of the matter, 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 these directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J.)