



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO. 5614 OF 2025

VISHAL NAMDEO GOPEWAD AND ANOTHER

Vs.

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA, THROUGH ITS SECRETARY, TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT, (SOCIAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT), MUMBAI AND OTHERS

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders

Court's or Judge's orders

Mr. M. V. Thorat, Counsel for the petitioners
Mr. N. R. Patil, AGP for the respondent/State.

**CORAM : SMT. M.S. JAWALKAR AND
NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, JJ.**
DATED : 12.01.2026

Heard.

2. The challenge in the present petition is to the order of the Sub-Divisional Officer, Umarkhed, rejecting issuance of Caste Certificate to the petitioner, which has been confirmed by the Scrutiny Committee. After arguing the matter for some time, when we confronted the learned counsel for the petitioner regarding explanation in the petition for non-filing of a relevant document, which according to him has a bearing on the outcome of the case and/or non-appearance of the petitioner before the Scrutiny Committee, learned counsel for the petitioner candidly states that there is no such explanation. He, however, seeks leave to amend the petition to incorporate such additional grounds and factual aspects for explaining the said aspects.

3. In that view of the matter, leave to amend the petition is granted. Place the matter for further consideration on 03.02.2026. Amendment, if any, to be carried out within one week from today, and the amended copy be served on the other side.

(NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, J.)

(SMT. M.S. JAWALKAR AND, J.)

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