



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR**

WRIT PETITION NO.248 OF 2026

Rahul s/o Bandu Bagde

..VS..

**The State of Mah., thr.its Secretary, Tribal Development Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai and ors**

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

Court's or Judge's Order

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Shri Shankar Borkute, Counsel for the Petitioner.
Shri A.A.Madiwale, AGP for Respondent Nos.1 and 2.
Shri S.D.Zoting, Counsel for Respondent No.3.

CORAM : URMILA JOSHI-PHALKE & NIVEDITA PMEHTA, JJ.
DATE : 09/06/2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. By the present writ petition, the petitioner has challenged the communication dated 17.12.2025 issued by respondent No.3 and seeks its quashment and setting aside.
3. It is not in dispute that the petitioner's tribe claim is presently pending adjudication before respondent No.2 – Scheduled Tribes Certificate Scrutiny Committee, Chandrapur.
4. While issuing notice in the present petition, this Court had granted interim protection and directed respondent No.3 not to take any coercive action affecting the service conditions of the petitioner. The said interim protection has continued to operate till date.

5. Learned Assistant Government Pleader Shri A.A. Madiwale, appearing for respondent Nos.1 and 2, on instructions, submits that the pending tribe claim of the petitioner shall be decided expeditiously and, in any event, within a period of six months from today.

6. In view of the aforesaid statement, which is accepted and taken on record, we deem it appropriate to dispose of the petition by directing respondent No.2 – Scheduled Tribes Certificate Scrutiny Committee, Chandrapur, to decide the petitioner's tribe claim, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of this order.

7. Till the petitioner's tribe claim is finally adjudicated by respondent No.2, the interim protection granted by this Court restraining respondent No.3 from taking any coercive action against the petitioner in respect of his service shall continue to operate.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of in the aforesaid terms. No order as to costs.

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