



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO. 493 OF 2026

Guljama Shah Jahir Shah, Aged : 43
years, Occupation : Business, residing at
c/o Zaheer Shah, Ziya Colony,
Samanvay Nagar Khamgaon, Taluka :
Khamgaon, 444303 District : Buldhana

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

1. The Caste Scrutiny Committee,
Buldhana having office at Dr.
Babasaheb Ambedkar Social Justice
Bhavan, Trisaran Chowk, Chikli Road,
near Bus Stand, Buldhana : 443001
2. The Collector, Buldhana having office at
District Collector office, Buldhana ;
443001
3. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Khamgaon,
Government Building Taluka:
Khamgaon, District : Buldhana.
4. Mohammad Isa Mohammad Moosa,
Aged : 70 Occupation : Business,
residing at c/o Mohammad Moosa, Ziya
Colony, Behind Boster, Khamgaon, Post
Office : Khamgaon, District : Buldhana
Maharashtra

...RESPONDENTS

Shri R.D. Dhande, Advocate for petitioner
Shri H.D. Futane, AGP for respondent/State

CORAM : SMT. M.S. JAWALKAR AND
NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, JJ.
DATE : 20.01.2026

ORAL JUDGMENT (PER : NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, JJ.)

Heard.

2. Rule. Issue notice on rule, returnable forthwith. Learned AGP waives notice for respondent Nos.1 to 3. Rule is made returnable forthwith. Heard finally by the consent of the parties.

3. Since the nature of controversy in the present petition, as is emerged from the submissions to the learned Counsel for the petitioner, seems to be innocuous, notice to the respondent No.4 is dispensed with.

4. The petitioner has approached this Court for directing the Caste Scrutiny Committee, Buldhana, to adjudicate/scrutinize the caste claim of the respondent No.1, which is pending before it within a particular time period. After going through the record, we find that the petitioner has already made a representation to the respondent No.2, i.e., the Collector, Buldhana, on 23.12.2025. In

that view of the matter, the petition is disposed of with following directions :

- i) The respondent No.2, Collector, Buldhana, is directed to decide the representation made by the petitioner on 23.12.2025, in accordance with law, within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of the order.
- ii) The petitioner is directed to produce the order of this Court before the Collector, Buldhana on 28.01.2026.

5. The writ petition is disposed of.

6. Rule is made absolute. No order as to costs.

(NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, J.)

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

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