



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 594 OF 2026

Sarita D/o Ramlal Maraskolhe

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra and another

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

Court's or Judge's orders

Shri M.V. Bute, Advocate for petitioner
Ms H.S. Dhaned, AGP for respondents/State

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

DATED : 28.01.2026

Heard Shri M.V. Bute, learned Counsel for the petitioner.

2. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable forthwith.

3. Learned AGP waives notice for all the respondents/State.

4. In view of the order we are proposing to pass, we need not call the respondents to file a reply. The only direction which the petitioner seeking is regarding the expeditious disposal of his caste claim, which is filed and pending before the respondent No.2, since 18.01.2024. We therefore direct respondent No.2 to decide the caste claim within six months from the date of receipt of the order.

5. We further direct the petitioner to appear before the Caste Scrutiny Committee on 03.02.2026 with the order of this Court. The Writ Petition is disposed of as such. The apprehension of the petitioner regarding any coercive action can be taken care of by granting liberty to the petitioner that if any such apprehension, along with any written communication, is received, the petitioner would be entitled to move this Court by filing an appropriate proceeding, permissible in law.

6. The petition is disposed of.

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

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