



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 1166 OF 2026

PETITIONER :

Priyanka s/o Amol Pawar
Age : 19 years, Occ : Student,
R/o Joglekar Plot Old City, Akola,
Tq. & Dist. Akola.

V E R S U S

RESPONDENT :

The Scheduled Tribes Caste Certificate
Scrutiny Committee through it's Member
Secretary and Deputy Director,
Shastri Nagar, Yawatmal – 445001.

Shri R.S. Suryawanshi, Advocate for petitioner.
Ms. Mrunal Naik, AGP for respondent-sole.

**CORAM: SMT. M. S. JAWALKAR AND
NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, JJ.**
DATE : 09/02/2026.

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

1. **Rule.** Rule made returnable forthwith. Heard finally with the consent of learned counsel appearing for the parties.
2. The reply of the respondent is dispensed with.
3. Petition seeks direction to the Respondent – Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner pending before it within stipulated period.

4. The caste claim of the petitioner was sent for validation vide proposal dated 22/10/2024 and accordingly, is pending since then. We dispose of the petition by directing the Scrutiny Committee, Yavatmal to decide the caste claim of the petitioner pending before it as expeditiously as possible and preferably within three months from the date of receipt of order.

5. The petitioner is directed to appear before the Scrutiny Committee with the order of this Court and apprise to this Court on **17/02/2026**.

6. Rule is made absolute in the above terms. Petition is disposed of accordingly.

[JUDGE]

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