



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO. 1719 OF 2026

Pranav S/o Santosh Nimbalkar
Age : 18 Ys, Occ: Student
R/o In front of Ram Mandir, VTC,
Malkapur, District-Buldana

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

Schedule Tribe Caste Certificate
Scrutiny Committee, Amravati
Division, Old by pass Chaprashipura,
Amravati, Through its Member
Secretary

...RESPONDENT

Shri S.M. Golhar, Advocate for petitioner
Shri N.R. Patil, AGP for respondent/State

CORAM : **SMT. M.S. JAWALKAR AND**
NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, JJ.
DATE : **24.02.2026**

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

Heard.

2. **Rule.** Rule is made returnable forthwith. Heard finally by the consent of the parties.

3. As can be seen from the petition that the petitioner belongs to 'Thakur' Scheduled Tribe, which is a recognized Scheduled Tribe as per the presidential notification. The petitioner submitted a proposal on 09.04.2024 with the respondent/ Committee for validation of the caste claim.

4. It is the submission of the petitioner that till date the said validation proposal pends and has not been decided as yet. The petitioner has therefore filed the petition seeking direction to the Scrutiny Committee to decide the said caste claim within a specific period.

5. We have heard learned Counsel for the petitioner, who reiterates that in spite of a considerable period of time, the said proposal has not been decided.

6. Having considered the contentions canvassed by the learned Counsel for the petitioner, we disposed of the petition with direction to the respondent, Scrutiny Committee, to decide the

caste claim of the petitioner, which has been pending since 09.04.2024, within eight weeks from the date of this order.

7. Petitioner to appear before the Committee on 04.03.2026 and to apprise the Committee of said order.

8. Petition is disposed of as such. No order as to costs.

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

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