



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO. 2911 OF 2026

Komal D/o Jiwan Pawar
Age: 17 yrs. (Minor), Occ: Student,
Through Father,
Jiwan S/o Harichandra Pawar
Age about : 47 Yrs., Occ: Farmer
R/o Degaon, Tq. Balapur,
Dist. Akola

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

Schedule Tribe Caste Certificate
Scrutiny Committee, Sana Building, Opp.
State information commission,
Chaprasipura, Amravati 444602
Through its Member Secretary

...RESPONDENT

Shri A.P. Kalmegh, Advocate for petitioner
Ms M.S. Naik, AGP for respondent/State

CORAM : **SMT. M.S. JAWALKAR AND**
NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, JJ.
DATE : **09.04.2026**

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

Issue notice to the respondent.

2. Learned Assistant Government Pleader waives notice for sole respondent.

3. Heard. **Rule.** Rule made returnable forthwith. Heard finally with the consent of the parties.

4. The petition prays for a direction to the Scrutiny Committee, Amravati, to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within the stipulated period. As can be seen from the petition that the petitioner, belonging to 'Thakur' Scheduled Tribe, was issued a caste certificate by the Sub Divisional Officer, Balapur, on 17.03.2020. Thereafter, on 11.10.2025 petitioner submitted a proposal for verification of his said caste claim to the respondent Committee.

5. It is further stated in the petition that the petitioner is a student and is aspiring to get admission in a professional course from the Scheduled Tribe category, but due to pendency for proposal for verification, there has been an embargo. In that view of the matter, the petition is filed. The learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that in spite of making persistent requests to the respondent Committee for expeditious disposal of the same,

precious little has been done. He therefore seeks a direction as stated supra.

6. We have considered the contentions canvassed by the learned Counsel for the parties. It is an admitted fact on record that the caste claim is pending before the respondent Committee since 29.10.2025. We are therefore of the considered opinion that a direction to the respondent Committee to decide the caste claim preferred by the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and preferably within six months from the date of this order would suffice and guard the interest of the petitioner.

7. In that view of the matter, the petition is disposed of with direction to the respondent Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within six months from the date of receipt of this order. The petition is allowed and disposed of as such.

(NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, J.)

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

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