



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO. 3137 OF 2026

- 1) Aniket S/o Santosh Dhumal,
aged about 19 years, Occ. Student,
R/o at Amnibujruk, Post and Tq.
Mahagaon, Dist. Yavatmal.

... PETITIONER

...VERSUS...

- 1) The Scheduled Tribe Caste
Certificate Scrutiny Committee,
Through its Member-Secretary,
Yavatmal.

...RESPONDENT

Ms. R. R. Nagrare, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr. H. D. Futane, AGP for the respondent(s)/State.

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

DATED : 21st APRIL, 2026.

ORAL JUDGMENT (NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, J.)

1. Issue notice to the respondent.
2. Learned AGP waives notice for sole respondent.
3. In view of the innocuous prayer being made in the petition, we do not think it fit to call for any reply by the sole respondent.
4. **Rule.** Rule is made returnable forthwith. Heard finally with the consent of the learned counsel for the parties.
5. The present petition is seeking writ, order or direction to the sole respondent to decide the caste claim belonging to 'Thakur' Scheduled Tribe Category of the petitioner expeditiously and in accordance with law. As can be seen from the record of the matter, the said claim is pending before the Scrutiny Committee from 21.02.2025.
6. Mr. H. D. Futane, learned AGP appearing for the respondent/State, tenders across the Bench a copy of the communication received by the office of the Government Pleader, Nagpur, on 21.04.2026, wherein requesting for time of one month to decide the claim.

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7. In that view of the matter, we dispose of the petition with direction to the Scrutiny Committee to decide the claim of the petitioner pending with it since 21.02.2025 as expeditiously as possible and till 31.05.2026.

8. With these directions, Writ Petition is disposed of.

9. Rule accordingly.

(NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, J.)

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