

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO. 5388 OF 2026

Vishal Gahininath Buge ...Petitioner
Versus
The State of Maharashtra
Thr. Tribal Development Dept And Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Chintamani K. Bhangoji a/w Vishwajit S. Sharma for the Petitioner.
Mr. N.C. Walimbe, Addl. G.P a/w Smt. Tanu N. Bhatia, AGP for Respondent
– State.

**CORAM : R. I. CHAGLA AND
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, JJ.**

DATED : 5 MAY, 2026

PC.:-

1. This Writ Petition has been moved on the ground of urgency.
2. In view of the Respondent No.3 having issued notice dated 16 March 2026 for termination of service of the Petitioner in the event, the Petitioner does not produce the caste validity certificate. Respondent No.3 is yet to be served with the Petition.
3. The caste validity claim of the Petitioner is being examined by the Respondent No.2 – Scrutiny Committee and for which the claim had been filed on 31 January 2025.
4. Prior to granting any ad-interim order restraining Respondent No.3 from taking adverse action against service of the Petitioner on the ground of

show cause notice dated 16 March 2026, the Petitioner shall serve the Respondent No.3 by way of private service, copy of Petition as well as this order. An affidavit of service shall be filed to that effect.

5. Writ Petition shall be placed under the caption for “Ad-interim relief” on 8 May 2026.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA, J.]