

Vaishali Tikam

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

**WRIT PETITION NO.9010 OF 2025**

VAISHALI  
ANIL  
TIKAM

Debashish Devnarayan Ghosh

.. Petitioner

**Versus**

State of Maharashtra

Thr. the Secretary Revenue and Ors.

Respondents

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Mr. Girish Godbole, Senior Advocate a/w. Mr. Rahul Soman a/w.  
Mr. Ayaz Bilawala a/w. Mr. Yogesh A. Gaikwad i/b. M/s. Bilawala  
& Co., Advocates for Petitioner in both Petitions.

Mr. Vineet Naik, Senior Advocate i/b S/ Anchan, Advocates for  
Respondent Nos. 5 to 15.

Mr. A. Nadkarni, AGP for State.

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**CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.**

**DATE : JANUARY 12, 2026**

**P.C.:**

**1.** Heard Mr. Godbole, learned Senior Advocate for Petitioner,  
Mr. Naik, learned Senior Advocate for Respondent Nos. 5 to 15, and  
Mr. Nadkarni, learned AGP for State.

**2.** The learned Government Pleader is directed by the Court to  
file an appropriate affidavit in reply in view of the rival submissions  
made by the learned Senior Advocates Mr. Godbole and Mr. Naik,

across the bar.

**3.** Prima facie it is seen that the legality and validity of the caste claim certificate is questioned before the Court by the Petitioner Mr. Debashish Devnarayan Ghosh. The private Respondents have filed affidavit in reply placing on record the necessary caste certificates, which are objected to by the Petitioner. These caste certificates are of Respondent Nos. 5 to 15.

**4.** The learned Government Pleader shall consider the same and also simultaneously consider the order referred to by the Petitioner not accepting the caste validity claim of the original owner - Babu Nana Jadhav.

**5.** Insofar as Babu Nana Jadhav is concerned, his caste certificate is appended at Exhibit 'A' Page 524 of the affidavit in reply. The learned Government Pleader shall ascertain the same and file proper affidavit in both the Petitions within a period of three weeks from today. Rejoinder, if any, to the affidavit in reply of the Government shall be filed within a period of one week thereafter.

**6.** List the Petitions on 16/02/2026.

**7.** *Inter se* between the parties for completing the record, leave is granted to file rejoinder to the Petitioner.