

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

**1002 WRIT PETITION NO. 984 OF 2026**

VIJAY NAGESH SOPEWAD  
VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

...  
Mr. Boinwad Omgashad B., Advocate for the Petitioner  
Mr. N. B. Patil, AGP for Respondent-State

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**CORAM : SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE AND  
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

**DATED : 28/01/2026**

**P. C. :**

1. Heard.
2. By this writ petition, the petitioner is challenging the order of invalidation of his tribe claim.
3. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 25/02/2026. Learned AGP waives service for respondent Nos.1 & 2.
4. Till the returnable date, the employer/s of the petitioner shall not take any coercive action against the petitioner solely on the ground that the petitioner's tribe claim has been invalidated subject to the petitioner's filing an undertaking within a period of 15 days before this court as well as before the employer/s that

pending this writ petition he will not claim any service benefits like promotion, seniority, confirmation, increment, pay fixation etc.

5. Stand over to 25/02/2026.

**( ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J. )      ( SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE, J. )**

VS Maind/-