



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

67 WRIT PETITION NO. 14229 OF 2021

LALCHAND SHANKAR SALUNKHE

VERSUS

THE SCHEDULED TRIBE CERTIFICATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND
ANOTHER

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Sagar Phalatale h/f

Mr. B. S.Deshmukh

AGP for Respondent/State Mr. S. P. Sonpawale

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Maheshkumar S. Sonawane

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

DATED : APRIL 15, 2026

FINAL ORDER (PER ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J):-

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned AGP
for respondents.

2. By this Writ Petition, the petitioner takes an exception to
the order dated 24.11.2021 passed by the respondent/Scrutiny
Committee, by which the tribe claim of the petitioner of belonging to
“Tokare Koli” Scheduled Tribe has been invalidated.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that,
after filing of this Writ Petition, the petitioner traced out certain oldest
documents, which according to the learned counsel for the petitioner,
are having probative value, which includes the school record of his
great grandfather namely Garbad Ba Gana Koli as well as the death



extract of his great-great grandfather namely Dula baap Supdu Koli.

He therefore urged that, the impugned order may be set aside and the matter be remanded back to the respondent/ scrutiny committee.

4. Learned A.G.P, on the other hand, would oppose the Writ Petition, however he concedes that, in the light of subsequent documents, the matter needs to be remanded back.

5. In that view of the matter, without entering into the merits of the matter, we deem it appropriate to remand the matter back to the respondent/Scrutiny Committee to ascertain the genuineness of the documents, which are sought to be produced on record before this Court. We, therefore, pass the following order.

ORDER

- (I) The Writ Petition is partly allowed.
- (II) The impugned order dated 24.11.2021 passed by respondent No.2/Scrutiny Committee, thereby invalidating the tribe claim of the petitioner is hereby quashed and set aside
- (III) The matter is remanded back to the Scrutiny Committee to decide the same afresh by considering the documents on which the petitioner seeks to rely upon before this Court after ascertaining the genuineness of the said documents.



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(IV) We direct that the respondent/Scrutiny Committee would decide the tribe claim of the petitioner on its own merits and in accordance with law and if required, even by conducting fresh vigilance cell enquiry.

6. The Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE

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