



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH AT NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO. 3300/2026

**Tribal Officers Forum and another Vs. State of Maharashtra,
Through Secretary, Other Backwards Class Welfare Department and
others**

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram, Appearances, Court's orders or directions and Registrar's orders	Court's or Judge's orders
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Mr. Akshaya M. Sudame, Advocate for petitioners
Ms. Sneha Dhote, AGP for Respondent Nos.1 to 7
Mr. R.S. Parsodkar, Adv. for Applicant in CAW No. 1173/2026
Mr. Prashant P. Dhok, Adv. for Applicant in CAW No. 1276/2026

**CORAM: URMILA JOSHI PHALKE AND
NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, JJ.**

DATED : 17.06.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners.

2. The challenge in the present petition is to the Government Resolution dated 02.06.2004, whereby the "Mana" community came to be deleted from the list of Other Backward Classes as well as the Special Backward Category, leaving Entry No. 18 of the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order as the only entry referring to the "Mana" community. It is the contention of the petitioners that the consequence of the said Government Resolution is that persons belonging to the non-tribal "Mana" community are claiming benefits exclusively reserved for members of the Scheduled Tribes, thereby resulting in encroachment upon the benefits intended for genuine Scheduled Tribe candidates.

3. Having regard to the nature of the challenge raised and the issues involved, issue notice to the respondents, returnable on **22nd July, 2026**.

4. Ms. Dhote, learned Assistant Government Pleader, waives service of notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 7 and seeks time to file a reply.

5. Civil Application (CAW) Nos. 1173 of 2026 and 1276 of 2026 have been preferred seeking intervention in the present writ petition. The said applications are allowed. The petitioners are permitted to carry out the necessary amendment by impleading the applicants therein as respondent Nos. 8 and 9. The amendment shall be carried out forthwith.

6. If the newly added respondent Nos. 8 and 9 desire to file their respective replies, they may do so before the next date of hearing.

7. Stand over to **22nd July, 2026**.

(NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, J.)

(URMILA JOSHI PHALKE, J.)