



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

CIVIL WRIT PETITION (WP) NO. 2947 OF 2025

Ku. Soham S/o. Madhav Somwanshi

.Vs.

The State of Maharashtra, through Secretary, Department of Tribal Development,
Mumbai and others

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions Court's or Judge's orders.
and Registrar's Orders.

Mr Shashikant Bangde, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr S. S. Jachak, AGP for respondent No. 1/State

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR AND PRAVIN S. PATIL, JJ.
DATED : JUNE 12, 2025.

Heard.

2. In the present writ petition, the challenge is raised to the invalidation of the caste claim of the petitioner as 'Thakur' Scheduled Tribe.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner points out that the uncle of the petitioner was granted validity by this Court (Coram : A. S. Chandurkar and Mrs Vrushali V. Joshi, JJ.) vide judgment dated 04.07.2023 in the Writ Petition No. 5101 of 2013 (Shrikrishna S/o. Ambadas Somwanshi .v/s. State of Maharashtra and others).

4. It is pointed out that despite the judgment of this Court granting validity certificate, the caste claim of the petitioner was not considered by the Committee on the ground that the Vigilance Cell discovered certain documents

wherein the entries are 'Bhat'. However, learned counsel for the petitioner denied relations with the persons of whom the entries are 'Bhat' and on which the reliance is placed by the Committee.

5. In the circumstances, issue notice to the respondents, returnable on **17.06.2025**.

6. Learned AGP waives service of notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 and 2/State.

7. Place this matter on 17.06.2025.

[PRAVIN S. PATIL, J]

[ANIL S. KILOR, J.]

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