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

WRIT PETITION (WP) NO. 4749 OF 2026

Ayush S/o Avinash Dahadse through his Natural Guardian and Father Avinash Natthuji Dhadse

Versus

The State of Maharashtra through its Secretary Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai and another

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

Shri Shankar Borkute, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mrs. S.S.Jachak, AGP for the respondent nos. 1 and 2/State.

CORAM : URMILA JOSHI-PHALKE &
NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, JJ.
DATED : 19th JUNE, 2026.

Heard.

2. Issue notice to the respondents.

3. Mrs. Jachak, learned Additional Government Pleader waives service of notice on behalf of the respondent nos. 1 and 2/State.

4. It is the contention of the petitioner that, during the pendency of the verification of his caste claim, he has been allotted a seat in the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Bhagalpur. It is submitted that the pendency of the caste claim is likely to adversely affect his admission. The petitioner has, therefore, sought a direction to respondent No.2 – the Caste Scrutiny Committee, Nagpur – to decide his caste claim within a stipulated period.

5. Learned Additional Government Pleader, on instructions, submits that respondent No.2 shall decide the petitioner's caste claim within a period of four weeks.

6. In view of the aforesaid statement, respondent No.2, the Caste Scrutiny Committee, Nagpur, is directed to decide the petitioner's caste claim, in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already received the communication intimating the allotment of a seat in the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Bhagalpur.

8. In the event the petitioner seeks admission pursuant to the said allotment, such admission shall remain protected until respondent No.2 renders a decision on the petitioner's caste claim, subject to the petitioner satisfying all other eligibility requirements and the final outcome of the caste verification proceedings.

9. With the aforesaid directions and observations, the writ petition stands disposed of.

[JUDGE] [JUDGE]

Signed by: Mr. S.K. NAIR
Designation: PS To Honourable Judge
Date: 19/06/2026 16:45:05
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