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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 26461/2024

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 20-08-2024 in WP No. 7839/2020 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay at Aurangabad]

VEDKUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 87324/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 255627/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 14-11-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOI

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The petition arises out of peculiar facts. The petitioner was admitted in Respondent No.3/College in MBBS course against the seat reserved for Scheduled Tribe on the basis of his claim that he belongs to the 'Mannervarlu' Tribe.
2. It appears that during the pendency of the proceedings before

the Scrutiny Committee, the petitioner completed his education. In the meantime, the claim of the petitioner as Scheduled Tribe came to be dismissed.

3. At this stage, the seat on which the petitioner has completed the education cannot be allotted to anyone. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has paid fees, as are payable by a candidate from open category.

4. In that view of the matter, in the peculiar facts and circumstances and particularly taking into consideration the fact that the precious medical education would go waste, if protection is not granted to him. We are inclined to protect the education undertaken by the petitioner.

5. Therefore, the education undertaken by the petitioner for the MBBS Degree shall stand protected. However, it is clarified that the petitioner shall not hereinafter claim any benefit on the basis of him belonging to Scheduled Tribe category.

6. The special leave petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

7. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

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