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PIL seeks quota for Dhangar community

Mumbai : A PIL was on Friday filed in Bombay High Court seeking a direction to the Maharashtra government to consider providing reservation to Dhangar (shepherd) community in the Scheduled Tribes category in jobs and education.

The PIL, filed by activist Hemant Patil, said Dhangar community was already included in the ST list in Maharashtra, but was never considered by the government for reservation in jobs and education in the ST category.

Earlier, Patil had filed a PIL seeking separate reservation for the community in the state. This PIL is still pending in the high court.

Patil in the fresh PIL prayed for reservation to the community in the ST category and it is expected to come up for hearing next week, according to the petitioner's lawyer R N Kachave.

The petitioner contended that on July 12 he had made a representation to Chief Minister Devendra Fadanvis seeking implementation of reservation for the shepherd community in the ST category as it was included in the ST list.