

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,
BENCH AT AURANGABAD.
APPELLATE SIDE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 1059 OF 2015

SANTOSH WAMAN WAGH
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Advocate for Petitioner : Mr. Vibhute Sunil M.
AGP for Respondents: Mr.K.G.Patil.
Advocate for Respondent No.3 : Mr. Bade Patil K.D.

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WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 1062 OF 2015

PRADIP BABAN NAGALBONE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Advocate for Petitioner : Vibhute Sunil M.
AGP for Respondents: Mr.K.G.Patil.
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Tele Ashok B.

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AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 1066 OF 2015

ARATI BABAN NAGALBONE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Advocate for Petitioner : Mr.Vibhute Sunil M.
AGP for Respondents: Mr.P.N.Mule.
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr.Patil Pravin S.

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CORAM : **S. V. GANGAPURWALA and**
N. W. SAMBRE, JJ.

DATE : 29th January, 2015.

PER COURT:

1. The issue involved in the present matters is no longer *res integra* in

view of the judgment of Division Bench of this Court in Writ Petition No.4536 of 2014 and other connected matters dated 14th August, 2014. We also adopt the same course.

2 In view of the above, we also follow the same course of action:

- (a) The petitioners, in these petitions, may approach the concerned Scrutiny Committees for issuance of photostat copy of the caste/tribe certificate produced by them for verification, within a period of four months from today. The Scrutiny Committee, on receipt of such applications, issue attested/authenticated copy of the caste/tribe certificate produced by respective petitioners for verification to the Committee.
- (b) The respective petitioners, on receipt of photostat copy of the caste/tribe certificate, shall approach the concerned Sub Divisional Officer/competent authority with an application for issuance of caste/tribe certificate within a period of six weeks, thereafter.
- (c) In the event earlier caste certificates had been issued by the Executive Magistrates, it would be open for the petitioners to tender an application to the Sub Divisional Officer of the concerned Division and such officer shall entertain the application and shall issue caste certificate/s in the prescribed proforma on verifying attested/authenticated photostat copy of the earlier caste certificate.
- (d) The concerned Sub Divisional Officer/Competent Authority, on receipt of the applications by respective

petitioners, together with attested/authenticated photostat copy of the caste/tribe certificate issued earlier, shall proceed to issue caste/tribe certificate in prescribed proforma certifying that respective petitioners belong to 'Koli Mahadev', Scheduled Tribe. The Sub Divisional Officers/Competent Authority shall issue certificate within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of the applications.

- (e) On receipt of Tribe certificates, respective petitioners, shall approach the concerned Scrutiny Committees with a proposal in prescribed proforma requesting the Scrutiny Committees to verify the Tribe Certificate and consider their applications for issuance of validity certificates. The respective petitioners shall approach the Scrutiny Committee within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the caste certificate from the competent authority.
- (f) On receipt of the proposal from respective petitioners, the Scrutiny committee shall proceed to verify the caste/tribe certificate and take appropriate decision after following procedure prescribed under law in respect of issuance of validity certificates, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of one year from the date of receipt of the proposal/application.
- (g) The Scrutiny Committee shall accept the proposals directly and shall not refuse to accept the proposals on the ground that same have not been routed through

proper channel, either employer or educational institutions.

- (h) The respective education institutions/colleges or the employers shall not take any adverse action against any of the petitioners only on the ground of their failure to produce validity certificate and further appropriate action can be taken only subject to result of verification claim, which would be lodged before the Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with the directions issued in this judgment.

3. The writ petitions stand disposed of accordingly. No costs.

[N. W. SAMBRE, J.]

[S. V. GANGAPURWALA, J.]

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