

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

WRIT PETITION NO. 1383 OF 2015

Narayan Bhumaji Totewad .. Petitioner

Versus

The Scheduled Tribe Certificate
Scrutiny Committee, Aurangabad
and others .. Respondents

Shri Sagar S. Phatale, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Shri Ashok B. Tele, Advocate for the Respondent No. 1.
Shri D. B. Bhange, A.G.P. for Respondent Nos. 2 and 3.

**CORAM : S. V. GANGAPURWALA AND
V. L. ACHLIYA, JJ.**

DATE : 05TH FEBRUARY, 2015.

PER COURT :

. Heard Mr. Phatale, the learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr. Patil, the learned counsel for the respondent No. 1/Committee and the learned Additional Government Pleader for respondents/State.

2. Considering the submissions canvassed by learned counsel for respective parties, we pass the following order.

3. View taken by the Scrutiny Committee deserves to be upheld. However, in the facts and circumstances, we proceed to

issue certain directions in addition to the directions issued by the Scrutiny Committee, as follows.

a) The petitioner, may approach the concerned Scrutiny Committee for issuance of photostat copy of the caste/tribe certificate produced by him for verification, within a period of four months from today. The Scrutiny Committee, on receipt of such application, issue attested/authenticated copy of the caste/tribe certificate produced by petitioner for verification to the Committee.

b) The petitioner, 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 certificate had been issued by the Executive Magistrates, it would be open for the petitioner 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 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 application of the petitioner, together with attested/authenticated photostat copy of the caste/tribe certificate issued earlier, shall proceed to issue caste/tribe certificate in prescribed proforma certifying the complete name of the petitioner including surname of 'Mannervarlu', Scheduled Tribe, the Sub Divisional Officer/Competent Authority shall issue certificate within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of the application.

e) On receipt of Tribe certificate, the petitioner, shall approach the concerned Scrutiny Committee with a proposal in prescribed proforma requesting the Scrutiny Committee to verify the Tribe Certificate and consider his application for issuance of validity certificate. The petitioner 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 the petitioner, 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 certificate, as

expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of one year from the date of receipt of the proposal/application.

g) The Scrutiny Committee shall accept the proposal directly and shall not refuse to accept the proposal on the ground that same has not been routed through proper channel, either employer or educational institution.

h) The employer shall not take any adverse action against any of the petitioner only on the ground of his 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 order.

5. The Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

[V. L. ACHLIYA, J.]

[S. V. GANGAPURWALA, J.]