

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 1816 OF 2015

SUKANYA D/O SHANKARRAO MEGHMALE
VERSUS
STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Advocate for Petitioner : Mr. Vibhute Sunil M.

AGP for Respondents: Mr.Y.M.Kshirsagar.

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

DATE : 17th February, 2015.

PER COURT:

1. The issue involved in the present matter 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 Petitioner, in this petition, may approach the concerned Scrutiny Committees for issuance of photostat copy of the caste/tribe certificate produced by her 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 the 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 certificates 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 by 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 that the petitioner belongs 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 application.
- (e) On receipt of Tribe certificate, the petitioner, shall approach the concerned Scrutiny Committees with a proposal in prescribed proforma requesting the Scrutiny Committees to verify the Tribe Certificate and consider her 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, 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 respective education institution/college or the employer shall not take any adverse action against any of the petitioner only on the ground of her 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 petition stands disposed of accordingly. No costs.

[V. L. ACHLIYA, J.]

[S. V. GANGAPURWALA, J.]