

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 2170 OF 2015

Puja Prakash Thakur

.. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and another .. Respondents

Shri Shaikh, Advocate h/f Shri Anil S. Golegaonkar, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Smt. S. A. Dhumal, A.G.P. for the Respondent No. 1.

Shri Pravin S. Patil, Advocate for the Respondent No. 2.

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

DATE : 25TH FEBRUARY, 2015.

PER COURT :

. The learned counsel for the petitioner states that, the tribe claim of the petitioner is pending with the respondent No. 2/Committee since 2005. The same is not yet decided. The respondent No. 2 be directed to decide the same expeditiously.

2. Mr. Patil, the learned counsel for the respondent No. 2/Committee on instructions states that, the validation proceedings in respect of the tribe claim of the petitioner would be decided within a period of six months from today. The said statement is accepted.

3. In the light of that, we pass the following order.

4. The respondent No. 2/Committee shall decide the validation proceedings in respect of tribe claim of the petitioner as belonging to Thakur scheduled tribe on its own merits expeditiously and preferably within a period of three (3) months from today. The writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

[V. L ACHLIYA, J.]

[S. V. GANGAPURWALA, J.]

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