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Mr. Mali, the learned Assistant Government Pleader for the respondent no. 2/Scrutiny Committee states, on instructions, that the respondent no. 2 would decide the caste claim of the petitioner as early as possible and positively within a period of six months.

In view of the statement made by the learned Assistant Government Pleader, the Writ Petition is allowed. The respondent no. 2/Scrutiny Committee is directed to decide the caste claim of the petitioner as early as possible and positively within a period of six months from the date of appearance of the petitioner before the Scrutiny Committee. The petitioner undertakes to appear before the Scrutiny Committee on 2nd March, 2015. Since the petitioner was not at fault in not producing the caste validity certificate, the education of the petitioner is protected till his caste claim is decided and hence, the respondent no. 1 should declare the result of the petitioner immediately.

Rule is made absolute in the aforesaid terms, with no order as to costs.

(C.V. BHADANG, J.)

(VASANTI A. NAIK, J.)