

***IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION***

WRIT PETITION NO. 2160 OF 2015

Mr.Ashapak Hamid Shaikh

... Petitioner

v/s

State of Maharashtra & ors.

... Respondents

Mr.Dilip B. Shinde for the petitioner.

Mr.C.P. Yadav, A.G.P. for the respondent State.

***CORAM: SMT. VASANTI A. NAIK &
SHRI C. V. BHADANG, JJ.***

DATED : 2ND MARCH, 2015

P.C.:

Heard.

By this writ petition, the petitioner seeks a direction to the respondent Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within a time frame. The petitioner seeks protection of his education till his caste claim is decided.

Mr.Yadav, the learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee states that the caste claim of the petitioner is pending before the Scrutiny Committee and the same would be decided within a period of six months.

In view of the statement made by the learned Assistant Government Pleader, we dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner 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 16th March, 2015. The education of the petitioner is protected till the caste claim of the petitioner is decided, as the petitioner was not at fault in not producing his caste validity certificate within the prescribed time. The College and the University are, therefore, directed to permit the petitioner to appear for the examination if there is no other impediment in doing so. No costs.

(C. V. BHADANG, J.)

(VASANTI A. NAIK, J.)