

Government Pleader, we dispose of the Writ Petition with a direction to the Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner as early as possible and positively within a period of nine months from the date of appearance of the petitioner before the Scrutiny Committee. The petitioner undertakes to appear before the Scrutiny Committee on 3rd March, 2015. Since the petitioner was not at fault in not producing the caste validity certificate, the education of the petitioner is protected till her caste claim is decided, meaning thereby, that the University should accept the examination form of the petitioner and the respondent nos. 4 and 5 should permit the petitioner to prosecute her studies till her caste claim is decided.

Order accordingly. No order as to costs.

(C.V. BHADANG, J.)

(VASANTI A. NAIK, J.)