

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH AT NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO.4317/2015
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.4319/2015

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Pramod Madhukar Sonune

...Versus...

The State of Maharashtra through Secretary, Agricultural Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 440 032 and others

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.4319/2015

Vijay Shivram Sonone

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Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders

Court's or Judge's orders

Shri D.K. Sonone, Advocate for petitioner
Shri D.M. Kale, AGP for respondents

CORAM : SMT. VASANTI A. NAIK AND
A.I.S. CHEEMA, JJ.

DATE : 26.08.2015

Since the issue involved in these petitions is identical and the prayers made therein are also same, they are heard together and are decided by this common order.

By these petitions, the petitioners seek a direction to the respondent – Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioners within a time-frame. The petitioners also seek the protection of their services till their caste claim is decided.

Shri Kale, the learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee states, on instructions, that the caste claim of the petitioners is pending before the Scrutiny Committee and the same would be decided as early as possible.

In view of the statement made by the learned Assistant Government Pleader, we dispose of the writ petitions with a direction to the Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioners as early as possible and positively within a period of one year. Since the petitioners were not at fault in not producing the caste validity certificate, the services of the petitioners are protected till their caste claim is decided.

Order accordingly. No costs.

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