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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

WRIT PETITION NO.6450/2016

Utkarsha Rajesh Pardeshi.

...Petitioner..

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & others.

...Respondents...

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Shri R.D. Biradar, Advocate for petitioner.

Shri V.M. Kagne, AGP for respondent nos.1 to 4.

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CORAM: R.M. BORDE &

K.L. WADANE, JJ.

DATE: 20.06.2016

ORDER :

1] Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2] The petitioner contends that the caste certificate, which was issued to him on 12.11.2009 was not in the prescribed proforma. As per the directives of the committee, he has obtained a fresh caste certificate in the prescribed proforma on 10.5.2014. The fact, however, remains that the scrutiny committee has confirmed that the petitioner belongs to Mochi - scheduled caste category. The object of production of the caste certificate and the caste verification certificate is to ensure that a candidate belongs to a particular reserved category. Since the petitioner is possessed of the original caste validity certificate as well as the caste certificate issued by the competent authority issued on 10.5.2014, presentation of those documents would suffice

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the purpose.

3] The respondents shall not consider the application of the petitioner for securing admission to the professional courses as invalid merely on account of his failure to submit the caste certificate, which was issued to him on 12.11.2009. The certificates, which are being produced by the petitioner to the respondents, are sufficient to establish his caste claim.

4] Considering the facts and circumstances of this case, the respondents are directed to accept the preference form of the petitioner togetherwith the caste validation certificate issued by the committee on 2.5.2013 and the caste certificate issued on 10.5.2014.

5] With the directions as above, the writ petition is disposed of.

6] Authenticated copy of the order is allowed. The parties to act upon the authenticated copy of the order.

(K.L. WADANE, J.)

(R.M. BORDE, J.)