

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

WRIT PETITION NO. 9918 OF 2016

Rukminibai Baburao Bhange

...PETITIONER

versus

The State of Maharashtra and ors.

...RESPONDENTS

.....
Mr. Mahesh Kale, Advocate for Petitioner
Mr. S. B. Pulkundwar, AGP for respondents
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**CORAM : R.M. BORDE AND
K.K. SONAWANE, JJ.**

DATED : 27th SEPTEMBER, 2016.

Order :-

1. Mr. Kale, learned counsel appearing for petitioner seeks leave to delete respondent No. 5 from the array of respondents. Leave granted.
2. The learned counsel appearing for the respondent - Scrutiny Committee, on instructions, states that the caste certificate validation claim in respect of the petitioner would be dealt with and appropriate order will be passed within a period of four months from today.
3. In view of the statement made, the Committee is directed to decide the verification claim in respect of tribe certificate of the petitioner, as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of four months from today. The petitioner, who is occupying the office of a Member of the village Panchayat, has been served with a notice by the Collector under Section 10(1)(A) of the Maharashtra Village Panchayat Act, 1958.

4. In view of order passed by the Division Bench of this Court, in an identical matter i.e. writ petition No. 3963 of 2013, we direct the respondents not to take coercive action against the petitioner till disposal of the caste certificate verification claim pending with the Scrutiny Committee.

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

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[K. K. SONAWANE, J.]

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[R.M. BORDE, J.]

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