

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

WRIT PETITION NO.6535/2016

Shivdas s/o Jagannath Bhutekar

...Versus...

The Divisional Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee No.2, Amravati Division,
Akola, through its Member Secretary and others

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

Court's or Judge's orders

Shri P.S. Kshirsagar, Advocate for petitioner
Mrs. H.N. Prabhu, AGP for respondent no.1
Shri N.S. Khandewale, Advocate for respondent nos.2 and 3

CORAM : SMT. VASANTI A NAIK AND
MRS. SWAPNA JOSHI, JJ.

DATE : 21.12.2016

The only prayer made by the petitioner in the instant petition is for a direction against the Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within a time frame. The petitioner seeks the protection of his services till his caste claim is decided.

Mrs. Prabhu, the learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for the Scrutiny Committee states, on instructions, that the caste claim of the petitioner is pending and the Committee would decide the same as early as possible. Since the caste claim of the petitioner is still pending before the Scrutiny Committee, the petitioner cannot be blamed for not producing the caste validity certificate.

Hence, we dispose of the writ petition with a direction against the Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within fifteen months. We direct the respondent nos.2 and 3 to protect the services of the petitioner, till his caste claim is decided.

Order accordingly. No costs.

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