

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

WPC No. 1366 of 2017

Yogita Dhurve D/o Pushkar Singh Dhurve, Aged About 26 Years R/o Village-
Marka, Tahsil And District- Kabirdham (Kawardha), Civil And Revenue
District- Kabirdham (Kawardha) Chhattisgarh ----- **Petitioner**

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through- The Secretary, Department Of Tribal Welfare, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Naya Raipur, District- Raipur Chhattisgarh.
2. Commissioner, Department Of Schedule Tribes Welfare, Raipur Chhattisgarh.
3. Collector, District- Kawardha (Chhattisgarh).
4. Sub Divisional Officer, (Revenue) Kawardha, District- Kawardha (Chhattisgarh).
5. Tahsildar, Tahsil- Kawardha, District- Kawardha (Chhattisgarh) ----- **Respondents**

For Petitioner	:	Mr. Mirza Hafeez Baig, Advocate
For State	:	Mr. Dheeraj Wankhede, G.A.

S.B. Hon'ble Shri Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava

Order On Board

15/05/2017

Heard.

1. This petition has been filed by the petitioner for direction to respondent authorities to recognize and give benefit to the petitioner's status as 'gond tribe' (गोंड जाति) on the strength of such certificate issued in the State of Madhya Pradesh.
2. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner was born in the State of Chhattisgarh and therefore, the petitioner is entitled to recognize and status as scheduled tribe 'gond' in relation to the State of Chhattisgarh as provided under Article 14 of the Constitution of India.
3. The petitioner's claim for issuance of certificate is required to be examined by the statutory authority constituted under Section 3 of the Chhattisgarh Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Regulation of Social Status Certification) Rules, 2013. The petitioner may approach the concerned authority and seek issuance of the certificate on the claim raised in this petition rather than approaching this Court directly for issuance of certificate or declaration to that effect.
4. With the aforesaid liberty, the petition is dismissed.

Sd/-

(Manindra Mohan Shrivastava)
Judge