

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 2453 OF 2017
WITH WP/2454/2017 WITH WP/2455/2017 WITH
WP/2456/2017 WITH WP/2457/2017 WITH WP/2458/2017
WITH WP/2459/2017

NARAYAN DIGAMBAR KASALWAD
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Advocate for Petitioner : Mr. Vibhute Sunil M.
AGP for Respondents : Smt. Vaishali Patil
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CORAM : S.V.GANGAPURWALA & K.L.WADANE, JJ.

DATED : 22nd FEBRUARY, 2017

O R D E R :

1. Heard.

2. The issue involved in the present Writ Petitions is no longer *res-integra* and is decided by this Court vide order dated 14.8.2014 in W.P.No.4536/2014 and other connected Writ Petitions.

3. In view of the above, we also follow the same course.

4. The view taken by the Scrutiny Committee deserves to be upheld. However, in the facts and circumstances, we proceed to issue certain directions in addition to the directions issued by the Scrutiny Committee as follows.

(a) The petitioners, in these petitions, may approach the concerned Scrutiny Committees for issuance of photostat copy of the caste/tribe certificate produced by them for verification, within a period of four months from today. The Scrutiny Committee, on receipt of such applications, issue attested/authenticated copy of the caste/tribe certificate produced by respective petitioners for verification to the Committee.

(b) The respective petitioners, on receipt of photostat copy of the caste/tribe certificate, shall approach the concerned Sub Divisional Officer/competent authority with an application for issuance of caste/tribe certificate within a period of six weeks, thereafter.

(c) In the event earlier caste certificates had been issued by the Executive Magistrates, it would be open for

the petitioners to tender an application to the Sub Divisional Officer of the concerned Division and such officer shall entertain the application and shall issue caste certificate/s in the prescribed proforma on verifying attested/authenticated photostat copy of the earlier caste certificate.

(d) The concerned Sub Divisional Officer/Competent Authority, on receipt of the applications by respective petitioners, together with attested/authenticated photostat copy of the caste/tribe certificate issued earlier, shall proceed to issue caste/tribe certificate in prescribed proforma certifying that respective petitioners belong to 'Mannervarlu', Scheduled Tribe. The Sub Divisional Officers/Competent Authority shall issue certificates within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of the applications.

(e) On receipt of Tribe certificates, respective petitioners, shall approach the concerned Scrutiny Committees with a proposal in prescribed proforma requesting the Scrutiny Committees to verify the Tribe Certificate and consider their applications for issuance of validity certificates. The respective petitioners shall approach the

Scrutiny Committee within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the caste certificate from the competent authority.

(f) On receipt of the proposal from respective petitioners, the Scrutiny committee shall proceed to verify the caste/tribe certificate and take appropriate decision after following procedure prescribed under law in respect of issuance of validity certificates, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of one year from the date of receipt of the proposal/application.

(g) The Scrutiny Committee shall accept the proposals directly and shall not refuse to accept the proposals on the ground that same have not been routed through proper channel, either employer or educational institutions.

(h) The respective education institutions/colleges or the employers shall not take any adverse action against any of the petitioners only on the ground of their failure to produce validity certificate and further appropriate action can be taken only subject to result of verification claim, which would be lodged before the Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with the directions issued in this judgment.

5. The writ petitions stand disposed of accordingly. No costs.

(K.L.WADANE, J.)

(S.V.GANGAPURWALA, J.)

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