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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 3908 OF 2017

Bhushan Bapu Thakur

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra and Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. R.K. Mendadkar for the petitioner.

Mr. S.B. Kalele, AGP for R. No. 1.

**CORAM : SHANTANU KEMKAR &
B.P. COLABAWALLA, JJ.
DATED : APRIL 04, 2017.**

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2. Parties through their counsel.
3. Leave to amend is granted. The amendment to be carried out forthwith.
4. Petitioner claims that his caste validity claim is pending before the Caste Scrutiny Committee, Nandurbar since 2.6.2015 as would be clear from the communication received from the said committee dated 19.1.2017. A prayer has been made to dispose of this petition by directing the said Committee to decide the petitioner's caste validity claim as expeditiously as possible.

5. In view of the aforesaid, without commenting upon the merits of the matter and the petitioner's entitlement, this petition is disposed of by directing respondent no.2 to decide the petitioner's claim, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within four months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

6. Till the petitioner's claim is decided, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner by respondent no. 4 in pursuance of the communication Exh. E.

7. With the aforesaid directions, petition is disposed of.

(B.P. COLABAWALLA, J.)

(SHANTANU KEMKAR, J.)