

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**WRIT PETITION NO.7963 OF 2017**

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| Pankaj Pandit Khairnar          | .. Petitioner  |
| V/s.                            |                |
| The State of Maharashtra & Anr. | .. Respondents |

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Mr.T.V. Jadhav i/b. Mr.R.K. Mendadkar, Advocate for the  
Petitioner.

Mr.Rajan Pawar, AGP for Respondent - State.

Mr.Shriprasad Kakade, Law Officer, Scheduled Tribe Scrutiny  
Committee, Nashik, present.

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**CORAM : S.C. DHARMADHIKARI AND  
PRAKASH D. NAIK, JJ.**

**DATED : SEPTEMBER 22, 2017.**

**P.C. :**

The respondent no.2 Committee has still not decided the claim of the petitioner belonging to Koli Mahadeo, Schedule Tribe. The caste certificate was issued on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2010. The petitioner moved the respondent no.2 Committee for verification of his caste claim on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2011 and filed relevant documents including copies of the validity certificate granted in favour of father and uncle of the petitioner. The Vigilance Cell officer conducted inquiry and submitted a report on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 to which the petitioner replied on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2014.

2           After that the Committee has not made any progress and that is how on the earlier occasion the matter was adjourned to enable the learned AGP to take instructions.

3           On instructions from Mr.Kakade, Law Officer, Scheduled Tribe Scrutiny committee, Nashik, it is informed by the learned AGP that the Committee will endeavour and pass the final orders as expeditiously as possible and within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the copy of this order. This statement made by the learned AGP, on instructions, in the presence of Mr.Kakade, is accepted, as an undertaking to this Court. We do not think that the Committee and its members would invite consequences of breach of this order and directions and in the event there are no justifiable reasons for the matter not being decided within the period stipulated above, this Court will not hesitate then to impose personal costs on such members who do not abide by the statements and undertakings to this Court. The Committee members, we are hopeful will avoid such a contingency.

**(PRAKASH D. NAIK, J.)**

**(S.C. DHARMADHIKARI, J.)**