

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY****CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****WRIT PETITION NO. 10380 OF 2017**

Dattatraya Chandrakant Shettiwar ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra and Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. M.S. Deshmukh for the Petitioner.

Mr. A.A. Kumbhakoni, Advocate General a/w Mr. Akshay Shinde,  
Special Counsel a/w Mr. Sandeep Babar, AGP for the Respondent  
State.

**CORAM : SHANTANU KEMKAR &  
G.S.KULKARNI, JJ.  
OCTOBER 04, 2017**

**P.C.:**

Rule. By consent rule is made returnable forthwith. Heard parties.

2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent Caste Scrutiny Committee has rejected the caste claim of the Petitioner by the Order that is impugned by the present Petition. The Petitioner has assailed the said order inter alia on the ground that just and proper opportunity of hearing has not been afforded to the Petitioner in accordance with the relevant Rules. It is the contention of the Respondents that in view of the Orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Committee was required to decide the claim of the Petitioner

in a time bound manner, on account of which it was not possible for the committee to strictly comply with the schedule prescribed by the relevant Rules.

3. Be that as it may, without going into the merits and demerits of the aforesaid and other contentions raised by both the sides, by consent of the parties, the Order impugned in the present petition dated 01.09.2017 passed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent committee is quashed and set aside.

4. The Petitioner undertakes to appear before the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent Committee on 9.10.2017 at 11.00 a.m. without insisting for issuance of notice in accordance with law and decide the validity or otherwise of the caste claim of the Petitioner as expeditiously as possible and endeavour to do so by 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent Committee shall do so afresh uninfluenced by any observation and/or conclusions contained in the impugned order.

5. All contentions of both the sides on merits are kept open.

**(G.S. KULKARNI, J.)**

**(SHANTANU S. KEMKAR, J.)**