

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 1041 OF 2018**

Gaurav Bansilal Pawar and anr. ..Petitioners
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and anr. ..Respondents

Mr. C. K. Bhangoji i/b. Mr. R. K. Mendadkar, advocate for the petitioners.
Mrs. M. P. Thakur, AGP for the State.

**CORAM : RANJIT MORE &
PRAKASH D. NAIK, J J.**

DATE : 29th JANUARY, 2018.

P. C. :

The sole grievance raised in the petition is applications dated 20th November, 2010 and 15th March, 2014 filed by petitioner No.1 and 2 respectively for grant of caste validity certificate is not decided by the respondent No.2 till today. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that because of the inaction on the part of the respondent No.2, the petitioners are seriously prejudiced.

2. In the light of the above, we deem it convenient to dispose of this petition by directing the respondent No.2 to decide the petitioners' aforesaid applications as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of this order. Ordered accordingly.

3. It is expressly made clear that we have not gone into the merits of the matter and the respondent No.2 -Caste Scrutiny Committee shall decide the petitioners claim independently in accordance with law.

4. In order to enable the respondent No.2 to decide the petitioners' said claim, the petitioners shall remain present before the respondent No.2 on 20th February, 2018 at 11.00 am along with their applications as well as copy of this order.

5. The writ petition stands disposed of.

6. All concerned to act upon a copy of this order duly authenticated by the Registry of this Court.

[PRAKASH D. NAIK, J.]

[RANJIT MORE, J.]