

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

**WRIT PETITION NO.4299 OF 2008  
ALONGWITH  
CIVIL APPLICATION NO.711 OF 2017  
IN  
WRIT PETITION NO.4299 OF 2008**

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| <b>Sujit Suresh Gangavane</b>          | <b>..Petitioner/Applicant</b> |
| <b>Versus</b>                          |                               |
| <b>State of Maharashtra and others</b> | <b>..Respondents</b>          |

**Mr. R. K. Mendadkar a/w Mr. C. K. Bhangoji, Ms. Komal Gaikwad & Ms. Priyanka Shaw, Advocate for the Petitioner/Applicant.**

**Mr. S. B. Kalel, AGP for Respondent Nos.1 to 5.**

**CORAM : B. R. GAVAI &  
SMT. BHARATI H. DANGRE, JJ.  
DATE : 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**PC.**

For the reasons recorded separately, the Petition is allowed.

- I) The impugned order is quashed and set aside.
- II) It is held and declared that the Petitioner belongs to  
“Thakar, Scheduled Tribe”.
- III) The Caste Validity Certificate be issued to the  
Petitioner within a period of four weeks from today.

IV) Needless to state that all consequential benefits shall follow.

In view of disposal of Writ Petition, Civil Application does not survive and accordingly disposed of.

**[SMT. BHARATI H. DANGRE, J.]**

**[B. R. GAVAI, J.]**