

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE A.RAJASHEKER REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.26240 OF 2018

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed challenging the action of the 3rd respondent in not considering the applications submitted by the petitioners 1, 3, 4 on 28-05-2018 and the 2nd petitioner on 29-05-2018, through Mee Seva, for issuance of the digital caste certificates.

Learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned Assistant Government Pleader for Social Welfare accepts that the issue involved in this writ petition, relating to digital copy of the certificate, is similar to WP.No.23764 of 2013, which was disposed of by this Court on 21.08.2013.

In the case on hand also, petitioners rely upon the caste certificate granted to their family members i.e., to the 2nd petitioner, by the Tahasildar, Mahadevpur Mandal, Karimnagar District, bearing Certificate No.C/99/2000 and also Caste Certificate granted to the brother of the 1st petitioner by the Mandal Revenue Officer, Mahadevpur, dated 21.03.1992.

In view of the above, there shall be a similar direction as in the above writ petition which is as follows;

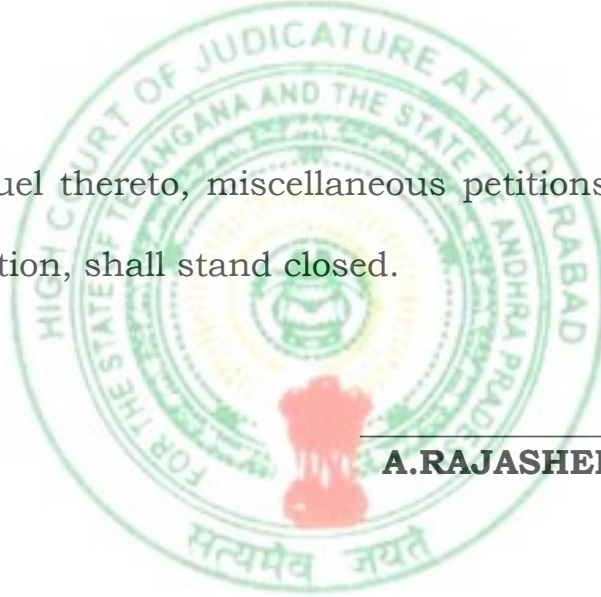
Since it is stated that the Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate issued by the Tahasildar, Mahadevpur, to petitioners is still valid, the respondents shall within two days from

the date of receipt of a copy of this order issue the petitioners digital copy of the community certificates basing on the same. It is made clear that this order shall not preclude the respondents from initiating action under Section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh/Telangana (SC, ST & BCs) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993 and Rules, 1997 (*for short 'the Act'*) for cancellation of the caste certificates in favour of the petitioners, if they are of the view that the said caste certificate is false.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in the writ petition, shall stand closed.

07.08.2018
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A.RAJASHEKER REDDY, J