

(1)

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

WRIT PETITION NO.193 OF 2019

Rakesh s/o Chatur Thakur,
Age: 22 years, Occ: Student,
R/o. Thakurwada, Dondaicha Warwada,
Tq. Sindkhede, Dist. Dhule. ..PETITIONER

VERSUS

1. The State of Maharashtra,
Department of Tribal
Development, Mantralaya,
Mumbai-32
Through its Secretary.
2. The Scheduled Tribe Certificate
Scrutiny Committee,
Nandurbar Division, Nandurbar
Through its Member Secretary. ..RESPONDENTS

Mr S.C. Yeramwar, Advocate for petitioner;
Mr A.R. Kale, A.G.P. for respondents

**CORAM : PRASANNA B. VARALE
AND
S.M.GAVHANE, JJ.**

DATE : 8th JANUARY, 2019

ORAL ORDER :

Heard learned Counsel appearing for the
petitioner.

(2)

2. As the very limited grievance is raised in the petition, the petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage.

3. The submission of the petitioner is that the petitioner, who has completed academic course in the Engineering branch, is desirous of appearing for competitive examinations. As such, the petitioner being a candidate belonging to 'Thakur, Scheduled Tribe' submitted claim for validation of his caste claim to respondent No.2 Committee on 28th March, 2018 along with all the requisite documents. It is further submitted that in spite of sufficient period lapsed in the matter, the claim is still pending before the Committee. As such, the petitioner submitted a reminder representation on 3rd December, 2018.

4. It is submitted in the representation that till date, the Committee has not undertaken even exercise of home inquiry.

(3)

5. Learned A.G.P. appearing for respondent Nos. 1 and 2 submitted before us that as there is huge pendency of the claims before the Committee, in spite of best possible efforts by the Committee, the Committee is unable to decide the claim expeditiously as expected by the claimant.

6. In view of rival submissions, we are of the opinion that the petition can be disposed of by issuing directions to respondent No.2 - Committee to decide the claim of the petitioner expeditiously and not later than six months from the date of the order of this Court.

7. With this direction, the writ petition is disposed of.

(**S.M.GAVHANE**)
JUDGE

(**PRASANNA B. VARALE**)
JUDGE