

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

WRIT PETITION NO.623 OF 2019

**VANITA DIGAMBAR WARKAD ALIAS VANITA DHANAJI MARAKWAD
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

Mr. C.R.Thorat, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr. K.N. Lokhande, AGP for the respondent/State.

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

DATED : 31.01.2019

P.C. :-

1. Heard learned Counsel for the petitioner.
2. As limited grievance raised in the petition and on the back drop of the grievance prayer is made seeking directions to respondent No.2-Joint Director and Member, Scheduled Tribe Certificate Verification Committee, Aurangabad to decide the Tribe claim of the petitioner within one month.
3. The facts which are not in dispute are, the petitioner contested election for the Gram Panchayat Hatrala, Tq. Mukhed in year 2015. The petitioner stake her claim as a candidate belonging to Scheduled Tribe. The petitioner was elected initially. Her claim was referred to the Scrutiny Committee. The Scrutiny Committee observing that there is a spelling mistake in the certificate, cancelled the certificate. The petitioner then approached the Competent Authority. A fresh certificate was issued in favour of the petitioner

and the same was referred to the Scrutiny Committee. These facts find place in the communication dated 13.06.2017. Copy of the said communication is placed on record. This is a communication by the Tahasildar, Mukhed to the Scrutiny Committee. This also document placed on record dated 15.06.2017 wherein the Scrutiny Committee informed the petitioner of receiving the claim and entry to that effect in the computerized data of the Scrutiny Committee. The learned counsel submits that as the claim is still pending before the committee even after considerable period, there is no decision, as such the petitioner is before this Court seeking directions.

4. This being a limited grievance the petition is taken up for hearing disposal at the admission stage. As the learned counsel for the petitioner made out the case though the petitioner prays for directions to decide claim within one month.

5. The present Writ Petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 Committee to decide Tribe claim of the petitioner expeditiously and not later than 12 weeks from the date of order of this Court.

[S.M.GAVHANE, J.]

[PRASANNA B. VARALE, J.]