

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.3510 of 2019**

Sheetal d/o. Satish ThakurPetitioner
versus
The State of Maharashtra and ors.Respondents

Mr. Y. S. Chandrakantrao, advocate for the petitioner.
Smt. M. S. Srivastava, AGP for the State.

**CORAM : RANJIT MORE &
SMT. BHARATI H. DANGRE, JJ.**

DATE : 4th APRIL, 2019.

P. C. :

The petitioner obtained caste certificate that she belongs to 'Thakur – Scheduled Tribe' category and her claim for verification of the said certificate is pending before respondent No.2- Scrutiny Committee since 2006. In the year 2015, the petitioner is appointed as administrative officer of respondent No.4 against the post reserved for ST category. The petitioner received an impugned communication dated 1st February, 2019, from respondent Nos.3 and 4 thereby directing her to produce a copy of the caste validity certificate before 31st March, 2019. The petitioner apprehending termination of her services approached this Court seeking direction to respondent No.2 to decide her caste claim expeditiously.

2. Learned AGP placed on record communication dated 4th April, 2019, received from the Secretary of respondent No.2. It is stated in the said communication that the petitioner's caste claim would be decided within a period of one month from the date of receipt of this order.

3. In the light of the above, we dispose of this petition by directing respondent No.2 to decide the petitioner's claim within a period of one month from the date of receipt of this order. Ordered accordingly.

4. We also direct respondent Nos.3 and 4 not to take any coercive action against the petitioner in pursuance of the impugned communication during the pendency of the said claim of the petitioner and, in the event, any adverse order against the petitioner's interest is passed, then the same shall not be implemented for a period of two weeks from the date of communication of the same to the petitioner.

5. The writ petition stands disposed of.

[SMT. BHARATI H. DANGRE, J.]

[RANJIT MORE, J.]