

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE CIVIL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.8375 OF 2019

Sandeep Somnath Gaikwad

.....Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

.....Respondents

Mr. C.K. Bhangoji i/by R.K. Mendadkar, Advocate for Petitioner.

Ms. V.S. Nimbalkar, AGP for the Respondent State.

**CORAM : RANJIT MORE &
SURENDRA P. TAVADE, JJ.**

DATE : 6th DECEMBER, 2019.

P. C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. The petitioner's claim that he belongs to "Thakar" Scheduled Tribe is pending since 2013. Therefore, the petition is filed for expeditious hearing of the same.
3. In the above circumstances, we deem it convenient to dispose of the petition by directing respondent No.2 Caste Scrutiny Committee to dispose of the petitioner's claim that he belongs to Thakar Scheduled Tribe, as expeditiously as possible and preferably within the period of six months from receipt of the order. Orderd accordingly.
4. It is made clear that we have not gone into the merits of the matter and the petitioner's said claim shall be decided on its own merits and

in accordance with law.

5. In order to enable Respondent No.2 to comply with this order, the petitioner shall remain present before Respondent No.2 on 16.12.2019 at 11.00 a.m. along with copy of this order.

6. Till decision of the petitioner's caste claim, no coercive action shall be taken against the petitioner on the ground of non-submission of the caste validity certificate.

7. The writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

[SURENDRA P. TAVADE, J.]

[RANJIT MORE, J.]