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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**Writ Petition (C) No. 2466 of 2020**

Anil Manekar S/o Hansraj Manekar, Aged About 50 Years, Caste-Mahar, Resident Of Ward No. 9, Rajiv Nagar, Dongargaon, Tah. Dongargaon, District- Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh

---- **Petitioner****Versus**

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Its Secretary, Department Of Tribal Welfare, Mahanadi Bhawan, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh
2. The Collector- Rajnandgaon, Distt.- Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
3. The Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Dongargaon, District- Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh

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For Petitioner	:	Mr. Love Kumar Ramteke, Advocate
For State	:	Mr. Sudeep Verma, Dy. Govt. Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice P. Sam Koshy**Order On Board****28.10.2020**

1. The limited grievance that the petitioner has raised in the present writ petition is the inaction on the part of the respondent no.3 in not finalizing the application which the petitioner has moved for issuance of a caste certificate.
2. According to the petitioner, he belongs to scheduled caste and is the member of "Mahar" caste. According to the petitioner, he had moved an application before the respondent no.3 for issuance of caste certificate. However, the application till date has not been finalized in spite of the petitioner having fulfilled all the requisite formalities.
3. State counsel submits that for issuance of a caste certificate the State

Govt. itself has framed the Chhattisgarh Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Regulation of Social Status Certification) Act, 2013 which clearly provides the procedure to be followed for issuance of a caste certificate. He submits that subject to the petitioner applying with all requisite formalities in accordance with the rules, the application shall be decided on merits.

4. Given the submissions made by the learned counsel for the State, this Court is of the opinion that the present writ petition can be disposed of at this juncture directing the respondent no.3 to take a decision on the application that the petitioner has filed in accordance with the Act of 2013, at the earliest preferably within a period of 90 days from the date of receipt of copy of this order.
5. The writ petition accordingly stands disposed of.

**Sd/-
P. Sam Koshy
Judge**