

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 3744 OF 2020

Sudhir s/o Madhukar Thakur and Anr. ...Petitioners

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr. ...Respondents

Mr S.C. Yeramwar, Advocate for Petitioners
Mr K.N. Lokhande, AGP for Respondents-State

**CORAM : S.V. GANGAPURWALA
AND
SHRIKANT D. KULKARNI, JJ.**

DATE : 9th MARCH, 2020

PER COURT :

1. The petitioners seek caste certificate in the Central Government format.
2. It is the contention of the petitioners that the petitioners are already issued with the caste certificate in the State Government format. The subsequent application made for issuance of caste certificate in the Central Government format is rejected probably on the ground that evidence is not submitted.
3. According to the petitioners, the cousin uncle of the petitioners is issued with the validity certificate.
4. We have heard the learned Assistant Government Pleader also.

5. At the time of issuance of caste certificate, it is not necessary that the applicant should submit the documents/evidence prior to the year 1950. The authority has to be *prima facie* satisfied. The authority on its satisfaction had issued the caste certificate to the petitioner in the State Government format. The petitioners are only seeking the caste certificate in Central Government format.

6. In light of that, it was not necessary for them to produce all the relevant documents if earlier the caste certificate is issued to them.

7. The Sub Divisional Officer shall verify the genuineness of the caste certificate issued to the petitioners in the State Government format and if it is satisfied that the caste certificate is issued to the petitioners in the State Government format, then shall issue the caste certificate in the Central Government format. The said exercise shall be done within a period of four weeks from today.

8. The writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

[SHRIKANT D. KULKARNI, J.] [S.V. GANGAPURWALA, J.]

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