

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-22122-2020

Date of decision: 21.12.2020

Meera

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Vikram Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Maan, Additional AG, Haryana.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Meera, stated to be aged 29 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 & 3 to issue Scheduled Caste certificate to the petitioner at the earliest on the application dated 27.07.2020 (Annexure P-1) and report dated 05.08.2020/14.08.2020 (Annexure P-2) with a further prayer to direct respondents No.2 & 3 to decide the application dated 01.09.2020 (Annexure P-3) and reminder dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-4).

Learned counsel for the petitioner, by making reference to the pleadings in the petition, submits that the petitioner belongs to Jonsari caste, which comes under Scheduled Caste in Uttarakhand. It is then pleaded that the petitioner was married to Mr. Anuj Kumar. It is further submitted that on

27.07.2020, the petitioner had applied to the Tehsildar, Tehsil Indri, District Karnal, for issuance of Scheduled Caste certificate. It is submitted that it was followed by another application dated 01.09.2020 and reminder dated 17.09.2020, which was duly forwarded to the concerned officials.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that inspite the above application/reminder, neither the certificate has been issued nor any order/communication has been sent to the petitioner. He submits that the petitioner intends to contest elections for the post of Panch and therefore the certificate is urgently required.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Sandeep Maan, Additional AG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Without commenting upon merits of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the present petition with a direction to the Competent Authority, to decide the application dated 01.09.2020 (Annexure P-3), in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within one week from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

A copy of this order be sent to the Competent Authority, by the Registry through e-mail or any other mode, so as to enable the said authority to do the needful expeditiously.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

21.12.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No