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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 7031 OF 2014

Jyotsana Kashinath Salunke

PETITIONER

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra and Others

RESPONDENTS

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Mr. M. A. Golegaonkar h/f Mr. A. S. Golegaonkar, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. P. S. Patil, AGP for respondent - State

Mr. A. B. Girase, Advocate for respondent No.3

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[CORAM : DIPANKAR DATTA, CJ &
SUNIL P. DESHMUKH, J.]

DATE : 27th SEPTEMBER, 2021

ORDER :

1. The grievance expressed by the petitioner in this writ petition dated 25th June, 2014 is that her tribe claim has been pending for decision before the respondent No. 2 / Scheduled Tribe Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee, Nandurbar, since 31st August, 2004.

2. Mr. Golegaonkar, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner prays for direction on the respondent No.2 to decide the tribe claim as early as possible.

3. Mr. Patil, learned AGP appears for respondents 1 and 2 and prays for six months' time to permit the respondent No. 2 to

consider the petitioner's claim and to take an appropriate decision thereon.

4. It is unfortunate that the claim of the petitioner has been kept pending for more than seventeen years. We accordingly decline the prayer of the learned AGP.

5. While disposing of this writ petition, we direct the respondent No. 2 to decide the tribe claim of the petitioner in accordance with law, as early as possible, but not beyond three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. No costs.

7. All contentions are left open.

[SUNIL P. DESHMUKH, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]