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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO. 8116 OF 2021

Gaurav Rajaram Sonawane

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra and Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. R. K. Mendadkar a/w Mr. T. V. Jadhav for the Petitioner.

Mr. S. B. Kalel, AGP for the State.

**CORAM: R. D. DHANUKA AND
ABHAY AHUJA, JJ.**

DATE : 30th NOVEMBER, 2021.

P.C. :-

. Learned AGP on instruction states that the Vigilance Committee has though conducted enquiry has yet to submit the report to the respondent no.2-Scrutiny Committee for consideration. He submits that only after such report is received from the Vigilance Committee, the Scrutiny Committee after completing the procedure would be able to decide the application for caste claim made by the petitioner.

2. Learned AGP seeks four weeks time to complete the procedure and to pass an appropriate order. In our view, the request of the learned AGP is reasonable. The order shall be passed by the Scrutiny Committee within four weeks from today, without fail and shall communicate the said order within one week from the date of passing of such order. If the order is adverse against the petitioner, the petitioner would be at liberty to file appropriate proceedings. If the

order is in favour of the petitioner, Caste Validity Certificate shall be issued within one week from the date of passing of such order.

3. Writ Petition is disposed of in aforesaid terms. There shall be no order as to costs.

4. Parties to act on an authenticated copy of this order.

5. It is noticed by this Court in large number of matters that the petitions are filed impugning the order of Caste Scrutiny Committee belatedly. During the pendency of the petition, the students apply for admission in one or the other course and press for urgent hearing by giving them priority on the ground that the last date for submitting Caste Validity Certificate before the CET Cell would be expiring within one or two days. We deprecate such strategy on the part of such students.

[ABHAY AHUJA, J.]

[R. D. DHANUKA, J.]