

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

WRIT PETITION NO. 1276 OF 2022

Smt. Seema Ankush Totewad
@ Seema Suryakant Rautwad

.. Petitioner

Versus

The Deputy Commissioner,
Maharashtra State Election Commission,
and others

.. Respondents

Mr. Anil P. Piratwad, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Mr. S. P. Tiwari, AGP for Respondents-State.

**CORAM : S. V. GANGAPURWALA &
S. G. DIGE, JJ.**

DATED : 25th JANUARY, 2022.

PER COURT:-

. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is elected as a member of the Village Panchayat from reserved category. The validation proceedings is pending. The same is not yet decided. The petitioner is required to submit the validity certificate within a period of one year.

2. One year it appears has lapsed on 17.01.2022 itself. This Court cannot stall the disqualification on the ground that validity certificate is not submitted within a period of one year in view of the judgment of

the Full Bench of this Court in a case of ***Anant H. Ulahalkar and another Vs. Chief Election Commissioner and others*** reported in ***2017 (1) Mh.L.J. 431.***

3. The committee may endeavour to decide the validation proceeding expeditiously and preferably within a period of three (03) months from the date of appearance of the petitioner. The petitioner shall appear before the committee on 17.02.2022.

4. Writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

(S. G. DIGE)
JUDGE

(S. V. GANGAPURWALA)
JUDGE

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