

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 12411 OF 2022

Prajwal Pandurang More (Bhat) ... **Petitioner**
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ... **Respondents**

Mr. Dhairyasheel Sutar a/w. Adv. Nirmal Pagaria, Adv. Kavita D. Vijapure and Adv. Kiran G. Kulkarni, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Smt. S. S. Bhende, AGP for the Respondents/State.

Mr. Sameer Khedekar a/w. Ms. Bharti Gerella a/s. Adv. Kshitija Ransing, Advocate for Respondent No.4.

**CORAM: S.V. GANGAPURWALA &
R. N. LADDHA, JJ.**

DATED : OCTOBER 17, 2022

P.C.

1. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Thane has passed an order directing the cancellation of application of the petitioner for issuance of certificate on the ground that there is observation in the judgment of this Court in writ petition filed by the father that the petitioner is original resident of Raigad. It is submitted that the petitioner is migrated to that place.

2. The father was issued with the caste certificate by SDO Thane. The claim was invalidated. He filed writ petition bearing Writ Petition No. 5713 of 2015. The Division Bench of this Court under order dated September 14, 2015 set said

the order of the Scrutiny Committee. The Scrutiny Committee is directed to issue validity certificate to the father of the petitioner. The father of the petitioner was issued with the caste certificate by SDO Thane and the said caste certificate is directed to be validated by this Court.

3. Considering the above, we pass the following order:

ORDER

- i) The impugned order is quashed and set aside.
- ii) The Sub-Divisional Officer, Thane shall issue caste certificate to the petitioner of 'Thakar Scheduled Tribe' within a period of four days.
- iii) The caste claim shall be submitted to the Committee for validation by the petitioner. The Committee, thereafter, shall dispose of the validation proceedings expeditiously.
- iv) The writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

(R. N. LADDHA, J.)

(S.V. GANGAPURWALA, J.)