

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

31 WRIT PETITION NO.14632 OF 2023

**MAHENDRA JAGNNATH SALVI
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY AND OTHERS**

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Advocates for Petitioner : Ms. Rasika Santosh Pathak And Mr. Santosh
Balnath Pathak

AGP for Respondents State: Mr. P. S. Patil

CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, JJ.

DATE : 4th December, 2023

ORDER:

1. The Petitioner is aggrieved that Respondent No. 6 has been issued with a validity certificate of "Hindu Mahar", when, according to the Petitioner, Respondent no. 6 is professing Christianity religion.

2. The Petitioner's biological brother has already filed an application with the competent committee which has trappings of Section 7 of the Maharashtra Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Denotified Tribes (Vimukta Jatis), Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Special Backward Category (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of) Caste Certificate Act, 2000.

3. In view of the above, we have no reason to entertain this **Petition and the same is, therefore, disposed off.**

4. Needless to state, the Petitioner alongwith his biological brother may pursue the application dated 22.09.2023. The Committee shall ensure that all the stakeholders are given opportunity of hearing and the procedure laid down in law is strictly followed.

(Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)

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